

**VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS – GRACE CHURCH, HADDONFIELD**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007**

- The meeting opened with prayers for those who died at Virginia Tech earlier this week.
- Fr. Pat thanked the parish for its great response in light of his recent trip to the ER. The Vestry and staff did a great job in taking care of things. The illness was not serious and is under control. A special thanks to Fr. Nat and Deacon Colleen. He also reported that the Hochgertel child is home recovering well.
- Jason Miller encouraged the Vestry to make every effort to be at meetings and represent the 5 year plan and ministry of the parish.
- Beth Beatty spoke about the guidelines for fundraising that have been adopted and encouraged all groups to follow the steps laid out.
- The Education Committee is expanding its efforts for adult education. More details will be available in the next couple of months/
- The Fundraising Committee spoke on the upcoming Golf Tournament (there's still room for more golfers). Plans for the flower sale and 5 K run in the fall were mentioned. It was mentioned that the ultimate goal of fundraising in the future will be to help fund outreach activities.
- The Stewardship Committee will be meeting May 1st to plan the fall canvass. Fr. Pat requested the development of an every member canvass. A separate meeting will continue to plan the June 16<sup>th</sup> Murder Mystery Dinner. Fr. Pat mentioned that we will need to make significant gains in stewardship to help fund the Associate position. He further discussed the need for our stewardship to completely fund the operating budget of the parish (which includes the staff, Diocesan pledge, ministries and programs).
- The Worship Committee reported that we will return to using historical and alternative liturgies once a month (usually the third Sunday) at the 8 & 9:30 am services. This month, the offerings will be the 1662 English service at 8 am and the New Zealand service at 9:30 am. These offerings will help us explore the rich, diverse and beautiful liturgies that are part of Anglicanism.
- The Buildings & Grounds Committee reported on developments. The Vestry also approved an expenditure for additional lighting on the stage in the auditorium.
- The Membership Committee was asked to develop the data intake form to help us create the data base for the parish.
- Mt. Pisgah is supposed to begin demolition efforts very soon. Details will be shared as they become available.
- The Associate Rector search now has three candidates are being interviewed. It is hoped that we will have a decision by mid May. Fr. Pat notified the Vestry that there may be a need to gather the Vestry for a brief, special meeting in early May to confirm the decision.
- Fr. Pat noted that people will be asked during Eastertide to share a two-minute statement of "Why I'm here at Grace Church." The "commercials" will help us understand what role Grace Church plays in people's lives.
- A new pictorial directory is being planned for this fall.
- Discussion was held on the October Fest ... including how to organize the planning, the shape of the event, and a gradual changeover to a more "gala" type of event that will help us raise more money.

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- **There will be a parish meeting at 10:30 on May 20<sup>th</sup> to share progress on the Associate Search and the 5 year plan. The men will be hosting the Mother's Day brunch on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Vestry will meet for the mid-year review on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The anniversary luncheon is planned for Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the parish hall.**
- **Coffee hour signups are needed. Please encourage people to sign-up.**
- **Marianne Gambardello will be offering Spanish Camp August 13-17.**
- **Discussion focused on developing neighborhood groups of parishioners to help foster a deeper sense of community. Efforts will be made to develop this format by the early fall.**
- **The Vestry concluded the meeting by sharing their experiences of Holy Week and Easter.**