Vestry Meeting Notes
12/9/10

Attending: Charlie Miller, Sally Newell, Danny Reed, Reny Wilcher, Richard Hayes, Paul Wilczynski, Mark Farnham, Deborah Mihal ,Trip Banner & Diane Boyer
Not present: Todd Frech

Opening Words: Charlie

Minutes: Approved for 11/11/2010 Vestry Meeting

Ministers Report: How will we know when we get there?

- Need milestones to measure
- Getting things in place now including the right people
- The size of our congregation of active members
- Strong involvement in working towards goals
- Fewer cliques in the church creating non-constructive energy
- The leadership is shared more broadly with less burden on a few
- Break through thinking to take us to a new level
- A leader in the community for Social Justice
- When other congregations call up to learn how we do certain things

Other minister reports:
- 60 People signed up in Gage Hall for the Deck the Halls Party
- Cantata is progressing well
- Xmas eve collection – Diane and Danny will determine where the funds are used
- A wall in the garden fell and is being repaired
- Volunteer coordinator position is now open
- Met the goal for the stove for SC Strong, a benefactor paid the remaining target

Office Report:
- Trip will help Reny on our UUA filing for membership as corporate members
- Insurance was renegotiated with lower premium and higher coverage
- Final request for the final draw on the grant for the renovation has been sent.
- First wedding in the sanctuary is in January
- www.Historiccharlestonweddings.com will get posted to market for weddings
- Pledge drive – Powerchurch will be used if possible

See the full report from Reny

RE Committee Recommendation is to increase the DRE position to full time. The Vestry voted unanimously for this. The increase in hours would occur at the beginning of the FY.

Nomination Process – We will review and a vote will occur next month

GA is in Charlotte in the end of June 22-26 – We would like to see as many people go as possible. An article will go into the Gateway. Registration is ~$315 for the whole event. For one day is $130. It is the 50th anniversary of the merger (Unitarian with Universalist).

Caring Committee – Danny will convene a brainstorming meeting with the committee in January to see if there can be a chair. Support of the effort is continuing.

Gothic Chairs – There are 4 chairs to consider selling at the auction. The buildings and grounds committee will address this idea.

Mike Griffith will have a renovation video. Agreed to make copies and sell them and to introduce at the canvas kickoff.

Final approval from BAR is in hand for the ramp to Gage Hall. Also the door is designed. Agreed a congregational vote will be taken in the January Congregational Meeting.