

St. John's Parish
MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING
December 11, 2007

The December vestry meeting convened in the Parish Life Building at 7:00 PM. Members present were David Bernthal, Billy Crowther, Sue Jenkins, Stephen Haynsworth, Jr. Warden Brian Gill, Darlene Blicht, Dannie Barteet, Trace Paradise, Peter Tetrev, Sherry Houston, Neal Edgerton, and Sr. Warden John Gervais. Also in attendance were: The Rev. Dr. Greg Snyder, The Rev. Joe Gibbes, Treasurer Cindy Pennington, and Tom Pennington, representing San Juan.

Father Greg opened the meeting with confession and Holy Eucharist. He led the group with a prayer for unity and truth. The Vision was read in unison by all in attendance.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as submitted.

Old Business:

Iglesia de San Juan: Father Greg presented a proposal for the acceptance of Iglesia de San Juan as a mission church of St. John's Parish. Thom Pennington, at the request of Father Greg, was present to answer any questions posed by the Vestry. Trace Paradise moved we accept the revised proposal. Stephen Haynsworth has been asked and has accepted the chair of the Oversight Committee which will consist of two members from St. John's, two members from San Juan and one liaison from each congregation. During discussion the following points and/or questions were raised:

- Trace Paradise reminded the Vestry that the Bishop had come to us on two occasions and he (Trace) could find no reason not to make San Juan a mission.
- Dannie Barteet reminded the Vestry that this decision has been under discussion all year.
- Peter Tetrev said that he felt the best way for outreach is to have a relationship with San Juan and questioned if there would be a timeline established as to when San Juan would take over total financial responsibility of their congregation.
- Stephen Haynsworth stated that the Vestry needs to get behind San Juan and accept them as a mission which would solidify our relationship with them.
- Billy Crowther stated that the Vestry must be honest with ourselves as to budget –will we need to alter (in the future) the amount of money that has been given to other Outreach programs in the past.
- Peter Tetrev would like to see an Annual Review.
- John Gervais feels that the Lord wants this group to flourish and that historically other missions in our Diocese have best flourished when placed under direction of a local church. Essentially the Diocese has just given money toward the mission but not much direction. San Juan needs direction of a well-established church.
- Father Joe stated that both groups would be held accountable and that this resolution would give us a “better shot” at forming a solid relationship.
- David Bernthal reminded the Vestry that if the financial obligation becomes too difficult for St. John's we can go back to the Bishop to renegotiate our responsibilities at that time.
- Neal Edgerton asked if San Juan was receptive to becoming a full mission of St. John's.
- Brian Gill called for vote on the question. Voting: 8 for, 4 opposed. Resolution passed.

Nominating Committee Report:

Sr. Warden John Gervais met the committee on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007 to prepare for the elections. An announcement will appear in the Bridge in January, asking for nominations. A Commitment Form will also be printed for anyone interested in running for Vestry. Several folks have been asked to run and are praying for guidance. As of now, no official nominations have been made.

Child Safety:

Father Greg presented again, the Child Protection Policy. He also stated that we will add “nothing in our policy would cancel or supersede the Diocesan policy”. The policy was unanimously passed as presented.

Outreach: Stephen Haynsworth reported that there had been a joint meeting with local churches and the group produced a document of each group’s strengths so that efforts would not be duplicated. A copy of that report is attached. This group now meets monthly and is working to coordinate all efforts to meet the needs of our community.

Sunday School: Trace Paradise reported that 14 college-age people had attended a meeting at his home the previous evening for a College Age Bible Study group. Seven were members of St. John’s. The group will meet each Monday evening at 6:30 at the Paradise home.

LaRoche Building Renovations: no report was given.

Stewardship: 143 pledge units have been received, pledging about \$500,000. Forty expected pledge units have not been received; and if these units come in as expected, the total pledge should be about \$680,000.

Parish Life Building Policy & Procedures Booklet: The draft document will be given to the Jr. Warden for study and fine tuning. Brian Gill will report back at the January meeting.

2008 Budget: John Gervais presented the proposed final budget. John Gervais noted that the Youth Minister’s salary is now correct at \$40,314. David Bernthal moved that \$750,000 be adopted as the basis for revenue for 2008. Brian Gill seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- \$800 has been put in the budget for 2008 for Men’s Ministry.
- Stephen Haynsworth proposed \$11,620 be budgeted for the Parish Weekend and \$250 be budgeted for the Q & Blue fall event.
- Total expenses came to \$791,941.

Sr. Warden, John Gervais, moved the proposed budget be accepted. David Bernthal seconded the motion. The 2008 Budget was passed with three dissenting votes.

Housing Allocation for the Curate for 2008 was passed.

Senior Warden’s Report:

John Gervais read a letter from Heyden McCormick and Dow Sanderson requesting funds for Bishop Salmon’s “retirement purse.” Sue Jenkins moved the letter be published in the upcoming Bridge, Billy Crowther seconded the motion, and it carried.

Curate's Report: Father Joe thanked the Vestry for voting the \$800 allocation for the Men's Ministry in the 2008 budget. There is another Men's Hike planned for the last weekend in April. He also reported that he will be working very closely with the Youth Minister in the upcoming year.

Rector's Report: Father Greg reminded the Vestry of the party on 12/15/07 honoring the outgoing vestry members. He also reiterated important upcoming dates on the church calendar. He reported the Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 20, 2008 with a covered dish following.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Pennington reported that the Seminarian Fund has \$10,700 balance as of December 1, 2007.

Brian Gill moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Jenkins