

ST. JOHN'S PARISH
MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING
August 8, 2006

The meeting convened in the Parish Life Building at 7:00 PM. Present were John L. Gervais III-Senior Warden Earl Sease-Junior Warden, Boyd Baker, David Bernthal, Darlene Blicht, Perry Gervais, Brian Gill, Sherri Houston, Sue Jenkins, Trace Paradise, Bryant Quisenberry and Peter Tetrev. Also, The Rev. Dr. Greg Snyder, The Rev. Joe Gibbes, Cindy Pennington-Treasurer, Frances Fuchs-Clerk, Susan Shealey, and Lynn Heasley.

Fr. Greg gave a teaching from Romans and John concerning the great commission, and also read "The Bridge Is Out" from Ryan Dobson's book, *Be Intolerant*, after which the group read the vision.

Minutes of the July 11, 2006 meeting accepted with the minor revision of changing Old Business E to 9:15

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Memorials Committee – John Gervais reported that renaming the Sunday School Building the LaRoche Building had support. A Motion was presented by John Gervais to use this name. Trace Paradise seconded and the motion carried.
- B. Bryant Quisenbury reported on the Projection/Sound system and explained that a cable will be run from the LaRoche Building to the Parish Life Building. Father Joe discussed running a feed into a room for nursing mothers, and it was decided to put this to the Nursery, Christian Education, and Building and Grounds Committees.
- C. Fr. Greg discussed the Purpose Drive-in Life budget and Bill Owens' offer to reallocate some money from the outreach budget. David Bernthal moved to transfer \$2,500 from Outreach to the church budget. Brian Gill seconded, and the motion carried.
- D. Fr. Greg reported the coming arrival of Rob Schluter, the new Youth Minister.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The Rector asked for feedback concerning La Iglesia de San Juan's setting up tables in the Parish Life Building for the LIHEAP's Partnership for Summer Cooling. Brian Gill moved that this be approved and added to the Master Calendar. Trace Paradise seconded, and the motion carried.
- B. The Rector welcomed Lynn Heasley.
- C. Trace Paradise and Earl Sease moved that Brian Gill be approved for the Diaconate process. The motion was seconded by Perry Gervais and the motion carried.
- D. Sherri Houston asked for guidelines for the Sosnowski Scholarship Fund. Frances Fuchs reported that there are to be three members on the committee. It was decided that John Gervais and Brian Gill (Finance Committee) would work with her on this.

E. Fr. Greg addressed the letters being sent to the clergy and vestry concerning Morning Prayer and asked for feedback. Fr. Greg decided to have Morning Prayer twice a month.

SENIOR WARDEN – John Gervais reported that he had finished Purpose Driven Life and encouraged all to read the book ahead of time.

JUNIOR WARDEN – Earl Sease reported that Bill Leland inspected the heating and air conditioning system in the sanctuary. The heating system stopped because it ran out of oil and there are three solutions. Change the filters several times and hope it clears out the debris. If this does not work, the tank will either have to be pumped out (which no-one wants to do) or an above ground tank will need to be installed.

Grace Chapel has been inspected and other than some rusted steel strapping under the building, an infestation of squirrels upstairs which are currently not eating through the electrical wiring, a few loose boards and a few holes the squirrels have chewed, the building is in good condition.

The three Charleston benches are being paid for by the Puckette memorial.

RECTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Greg noted the following events and dates of importance.

August 17, Thursday, 7:00 PM	Leadership Meeting
August 26-27	Vestry Mini-Retreat
September 30	Purpose Drive-In Life Kickoff
September 9	Walk About (Bishop Election)
September 10	Three Worship Services begin
September 16	Bishop's Election

He read letters received by the Outreach Committee from Trinity School and Sea Island Habitat. He also announced that Thom Pennington will be going through the Deaconate Process.

CURATE'S REPORT: - none

TREASURER'S REPORT: At this time a lengthy discussion ensued concerning the placement order of the Treasurer's Report. Boyd Baker gave a Call For Questions with a show of hands. After discussion, a 5-7 vote was taken in favor of keeping the report where it is presently.

Cindy Pennington reported that the July revenue was \$73,000. She explained that there are 5 Sundays in July and that two rather significant Annual Commitments were fulfilled for the entire year. The Parish is \$32,000 ahead of projections. The July income exceeded the outflow by \$11,000. The YTD total is approximately \$80,000 ahead of projections and that instead of dipping into the endowment \$93,000 the Parish may only have to use \$44,000 from this fund. It is almost time to do next year's budget. Cindy spoke on how important it is for the committee heads to report to their vestry member concerning budgeting needs.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer offered by Fr. Joe Gibbes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Heasley