

**ST. JOHN'S PARISH  
VESTRY MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2011**

Present: Bill Anderson, Claudia Boyce, Steve Brantley, Charlie Davis, Tom Gibbs, Tom Gopsill, Perry Jameson, Bubba Jenkins, and Ford Walpole. Also Present: Fr. Greg Snyder, Fr. Dagnall Free, Treasurer John Blich, Charles Jenkins, and Recording Secretary Melanie Poston

Not Present: Gretchen Horlbeck, Jerry Houston and Bruce Saxman

Fr. Greg Snyder opened the meeting with prayer.

Charles Jenkins spoke to the Vestry about the status of his on-going process as a candidate.

The Vestry read the Vision.

The minutes from the March meeting were passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer John Blich reviewed the March financial report.

John informed the Vestry of the high water bills we have experienced for the past three months due to a leak of undetermined origin. Blich Plumbing spent several days at St. John's trying to find the leak. A leak detection company was hired, but they too were unable to find the leak. The plan is to replace the service line, by-passing the old irrigation system.

**Care and Help of the Needy on Sea Islands**

Fr. Greg asked the Vestry to continue to get the word out that we will assist people in need as we are able. He also asked that the word be spread that our discretionary funds are low, and we welcome contributions to that fund.

**Christian Community Center for Johns Island**

No report.

**Nursery Task Force Report**

Fr. Greg said the group has met and Senior Warden Jerry Houston will give a report when he returns.

**Fr. Greg's Sabbatical**

Fr. Greg reported that his plans for his sabbatical are still being finalized, and that he will spend most of his sabbatical in Colorado and California.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Alpha**

In Gretchen Horlbeck's absence, Fr. Greg reminded the Vestry that the Alpha Celebration dinner will be on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

### **Special Pentecost Service**

Fr. Greg reported that on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am, a joint service of the churches on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands will be held at St. John's High School. Fr. Greg asked, "What better way to celebrate the birth of the church than to have a joint service?"

### **Iglesia de San Juan**

Fr. David Dubay, Tom Gopsill, and (hopefully) Deacon Brian Gill will meet for lunch in the next week. Tom reported that Fr. Dubay indicated to him that he does not feel San Juan will be an independent congregation because of its transient population, and it will need long-term financial aid. There is also competition from Holy Spirit Catholic Church. The Iglesia de San Juan Easter schedule was reviewed, and the Vestry was invited to attend Sunday services, at 6:00 pm in the church.

### **Missions and Outreach**

Claudia Boyce thanked Charlie Davis for attending the recent Missions and Outreach meeting. Claudia made an appeal to the Vestry again to consider being mentors to Haut Gap Middle School.

Claudia brought the Vestry up to date on Van Barnhill, who is involved in Campus Outreach at the Citadel. Van spoke to the Missions and Outreach Committee at their February meeting. Some ideas the group had for Van are: having some of the high school students shadow him in his activities; introduce him to our parishioners who are Citadel graduates; speak at the Men's Breakfast and/or at some of the Bible Study groups, or to the entire church. Fr. Greg pointed out that there is a campus minister, Greg Smith, at the Citadel, and they may want to include him in their plans with Van.

Claudia said the Lowcountry Orphan Relief is planning to build a facility for little girls on Johns Island. A representative from their group spoke to the Missions and Outreach committee and touched the committees' hearts. The group also spoke to the Daughters of the King. Ginni Quisenberry is on the board of Lowcountry Orphan Relief.

Claudia also reported that Rural Missions will soon lose Head Start funding, and salaries and positions of Rural Missions employees will be affected.

The Convoy of Hope will hold a large fair in October. African-American churches will head up the fair, where they will feed people, and take care of people.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Holy Week Schedule**

The schedule for Holy Week was reviewed, and Fr. Greg urged Vestry members to participate in as many services as possible. He especially hopes to have a strong Vestry presence at the Holy Wednesday service which will be followed by a Passover Seder led by Deacon Lee Hershon. He asked the Vestry to invite others to come, especially those who are not connected to a church.

Fr. Greg reminded everyone that on Palm Sunday all will meet in the cemetery for the Passion liturgy, after which people will proceed to either the service in the Parish Life Building or the service in the Church.

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> is Parish Clean-Up day. The clean-up will run from 9:00 – 12:00. In the afternoon Fr. Greg will have an Instructed Eucharist with the youth.

### **Curate's Report**

Fr. Free reported he has visited and taken communion to various parishioners. At the Diocesan Convention, Fr. Free was elected to the Diocesan Council, which has not yet met. Fr. Free told the Vestry that newcomers to St. John's are on his heart, and asked again that the Vestry make a special effort to greet visitors. Ideas for making contact with visitors were discussed. Reinstatement of "Lemonade on the Lawn" was proposed. Fr. Free asked for a volunteer to be in charge of "Lemonade on the Lawn".

### **Rector's Report**

Fr. Greg distributed a hand-out, "Closing the Back Door of the Church" and asked the Vestry to read it and be prepared to discuss at the next Vestry meeting.

Fr. Greg also emphasized his wish to have Vestry members attend as many of the Holy Week services as possible, especially the Passover Seder.

Fr. Greg reviewed upcoming important dates:

April 14	Alpha Celebration Dinner, 6:00 pm in the PLB
April 17	Palm Sunday, Parish Picnic at Grace Chapel
April 20	6:00 pm Eucharist / 6:30 pm Passover Seder in the PLB
April 24	Easter Sunday
May 1	Bishop's visitation and Confirmation Sunday
May 29	Fr. Greg's last Sunday before sabbatical

Fr. Free closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Poston  
Recording Secretary

