

**ST. JOHN'S PARISH  
VESTRY MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2010**

Present: Junior Warden Boyd Baker, Claudia Boyce, Senior Warden Perry Gervais, Tom Gopsill, Jerry Houston, Bubba Jenkins, Adair McKoy, Libby Puckette, Bruce Saxman, and Ford Walpole. Also present: Fr. Greg Snyder, Fr. Dagnall Free, Treasurer John Blich, and Recording Secretary Melanie Poston. Not present: Perry Jameson and Bill Leland

Fr. Greg asked the Vestry to pray for the upcoming mission trip to Northern Uganda and the mission team members: Leila Baldwin, Clair Miller, Thom Pennington, Emily Rudolph, and Fr. Greg Snyder.

Fr. Greg read a passage from the book Slave by John McArthur, and also Romans 6:15. Discussion followed on the meditation.

The November meeting minutes were passed as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

John Blich reviewed the November financial report, and reported on the bank account. John also reviewed the audit report for the 2009 fiscal year. One item on the audit report involved balancing the 2008 financials, which was a journal entry. Perry Gervais made a motion to balance 2008 and move the financials forward. Boyd Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed. John reviewed the rest of the audit.

**Care of the Needy**

Fr. Greg reminded the Vestry to continue to get out the word to help the needy of the islands. He noted that through the clergy discretionary fund, \$138,115 has been dispersed to date and that funds are getting low at a time of year when help seems to be needed most.

**2011 Budget**

The pledges for 2011 were reviewed, and 34 people who pledged in 2010 have not yet made a pledge for 2011. Calls will be made by the Vestry members to those families who have not yet made a pledge for 2011.

The anticipated revenue for 2011 was discussed, based on the amount that has been pledged to date. The feeling was that the anticipated revenue will match the anticipated expenses for 2011. The final budget figures were passed unanimously.

**Christian Community Center**

Fr. Greg asked the Vestry to continue to pray about the feasibility of a Christian community center, and the role of St. John's in that center.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance Committee**

Senior Warden Perry Gervais reminded the Vestry that membership on the Finance Committee requires Vestry approval. He noted that Chairman Martha Harris will rotate off the committee, and a new member needs to be appointed to a five-year term. Perry Gervais nominated Boyd Baker to the Finance Committee. Adair McKoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Iglesia de San Juan**

Fr. David Dubay has been approved by the Bishop as the Vicar of Iglesia de San Juan. Fr. Dubay will continue as the Rector of Holy Trinity. He will be at Holy Trinity on Sunday mornings and at Iglesia de San Juan on Sunday evenings. He will keep office hours at Iglesia de San Juan one day a week. Fr. David wants to create disciples of Jesus Christ in the Hispanic community. Tom Gopsill made a motion that the Vestry this appointment unanimously. Libby Puckette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Alpha Course**

Libby mentioned St. John's may be approached about partnering our Alpha course with Rockville Presbyterian. If so, Libby said there will be many logistics to be worked out, but it could be an exciting venture. Tom Gopsill said there will be a lengthy article in the Bridge about the Alpha Course.

### **Missions and Outreach**

Claudia Boyce reported that after five years on the committee, she will rotate off. She will remain as the Vestry advisor. Cathy Hogan-Edwards will join the committee. Claudia reported that Ethel Amacher is working through Angel Tree to help provide materials and resources to the Haut Gap teachers.

Claudia also reported that at the Feeding of the Multitude recap Pastor Greg Butler of Stono Baptist said he is forming a team from the participating churches to continue the ministry throughout the year. He proposes to bring interested churches to work collectively on three ministries: the Blessing Basket program, a Wheelchair Ministry which will focus on construction projects, and a Firewood Ministry, to help provide firewood for families.

### **Vestry Nominations**

Fr. Greg reminded the Vestry to prayerfully consider nominations to the Vestry. There are four 3-year terms to fill. The resignation of Bill Leland from the Vestry also leaves a 2-year term to fill.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Constitution By-Laws Vote**

The second and final vote on the constitution by-laws resolution will be made at the Annual Meeting in January if the Vestry decides to move forward. The resolution makes clear that St. John's is not leaving the Diocese of South Carolina. Bruce Saxman made a motion to support the previously approved resolution. Bubba Jenkins seconded the motion. Discussion followed. It was decided that the wardens and the clergy should meet with Bishop Lawrence for guidance on the second vote. The motion was tabled.

### **Senior Warden's Report**

Perry Gervais reported that St. John's support pledge is due tomorrow. Perry made a motion that St. John's will pledge \$78,000 to the Diocese of South Carolina with the stipulation that none of our pledge is to go to the national church, but rather to the Anglican Communion Development Committee where it will then be dispersed to missions around the world. Bruce Saxman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Perry informed the Vestry that Claudia Boyce will be the Vestry Person of the Month for January.

Perry distributed a proposal to distribute \$80,000 from undesignated funds. Discussion followed on the distribution. Boyd Baker made a motion to accept the use of abundance list as amended. Perry Gervais seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (List attached)

### **Junior Warden's Report**

Boyd Baker reported that the painting of the outside of the church has begun. He believes the cost to paint will be about half of the \$25,000 estimate. Painting of the decks and repair of the ceiling of the Rectory is also underway.

Central Electric (for Berkeley Electric) made a proposal to purchase right of way, to widen the existing right of way. The wider right of way is needed as Berkeley is changing the capacity on the power lines. \$8,500 has been offered for the addition right of way property. Boyd Baker made a motion to accept the offer of \$8,500 from Central Electric for additional right of way. Tom Gopsill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Curate's Report**

Fr. Free has visited the sick, engaged in spiritual counseling, praying the daily office, and prepared sermons.

### **Rector's Report**

Fr. Greg reviewed upcoming important dates:  
December 19 – Christmas Cantata and Creche Reception

December 21 – Vestry and Staff Christmas Party at the Rectory  
December 29–January 12 – Fr. Greg and Mission Team in Northern Uganda  
January 6 – Epiphany Worship Service  
January 16 – Annual Parish Meeting and Luncheon  
January 23 – Election of Wardens

Fr. Greg asked the Vestry to vote on a resolution for the housing allowance for Fr. Free for 2011. The resolution states a \$24,539 housing allocation is being requested by Fr. Free for 2011. The current allocation for 2010 totals \$16,500. Clergy compensation for attributable housing and utilities expenses as declared by the clergy may be excluded from taxable income, but are included in earnings for self-employment. Perry Gervais made a motion to accept the resolution. Claudia Boyce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fr. Free closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melanie Poston  
Recording Secretary