

**St. John's Parish
Vestry Minutes
February 10, 2008**

Attending:

Perry Gervais, Sr. Warden
Boyd Baker, Jr. Warden
Father Greg Snyder
Father Joe Gibbes
Sue Jenkins

Darlene Blicht
Trace Paradise
Neal Edgerton
Billy Crowther
Libby Puckette

Sherri Houston
Dannie Barteet
Stephen Haynsworth
Adair McKoy

Father Greg called the meeting to order and led a meditation based on II Timothy 2:14-16. Adair McKoy commented on the fact that Jesus Christ is the center (Rock) and that we as a Vestry must be focused on that Rock and by being so focused, our decisions will be addressed by the Holy Spirit and not by our own intellect. The Vision for St. John's Parish was recited by all present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Old Business/Committee Reports:

Parish Life Building Proposed Policy & Procedures: Two minor changes were made:

Section f: End this statement with ...projector).

Section k: It will now read: There is absolutely no smoking in the Parish Life Building and no alcohol permitted on the campus for consumption.

Discussion followed about the amount of money charged to use the facilities. It was decided that *section m* provided enough leeway for the rector to make exceptions whenever he felt it would be in the best interest to do so. Trace Paradise moved the vestry accept the Proposed Policy document, Boyd Baker seconded the motion, and it carried.

Outreach Committee: Stephen Haynsworth submitted the 2008 Outreach Committee Worksheet. No changes had been made except Claudia Boyce is now Chairmen of the Outreach Committee. Michele Bryan and Ethyl Amacher have joined the committee replacing Kelly Gervais and Martha Harris. Some discussion followed as to whether the committee should be considered "funded or non-funded." It was decided the committee should be considered "funded."

Iglesia de San Juan/St. John's Partnership Commission: Stephen reported that the Commission has met two times, and he is very encouraged by the work being accomplished. They are brainstorming ideas and moving slowly before making changes. There is a possibility that there will be a joint service Easter Day after the 10:45 service and possibly doing joint services on future 5th Sundays. Other plans include a joint Easter Egg Hunt and having San Juan join St. John's for the Annual Parish Picnic, April 13.

LaRoche Building Renovations: Boyd Baker reported that he is in contact with an architect, the renovations must be less than one-half the appraised value of the building, and he might arrange to have a new appraisal done. Adair McKoy asked to see the sketches of ideas for renovation of this building.

New Business:

Senior Warden's Report: There will be no vestry meeting on Tuesday, February 12th, but there will be a meeting for new vestry members with David Bernthal and Cindy Pennington on that evening to learn about the parish financial structures. He will make committee appointments and assign "Vestry months" to the new members prior to the next meeting.

Junior Warden's Report: Boyd Baker reported that dirt for the driveways has been ordered. He is in the process of obtaining bids for painting the interior of the church. He noted that some of the interior walls of the Parish Life Building are also in need of paint. He would like to put up chair railing and use satin paint below the chair railing so those walls could be cleaned more efficiently.

Curate's Report: Father Gibbes stated that this is the last Curate's report. He will be making Associate Rector's Reports hence forward. He announced that a lot of interest has been expressed for both the Skeet Shoot and the Men's Hike.

Rector's Report: Father Greg asked that we make note of various important dates between now and Sept 14, 2008. He reminded the Vestry that their participation is paramount to success at all church functions. On July 6, Bishop Lawrence will visit St. John's and at this point, Fr. Greg is planning a luncheon for the Vestry to meet and get to know Bishop Lawrence and vice versa.

The Treasurer's report will be available by Tuesday.

Miscellany:

Father Greg mentioned that the 275th Anniversary of St. John's Parish and the 10th Anniversary of Iglesia de San Juan coincide next year and asked that the Vestry begin consideration of how these anniversaries can be celebrated.

Just Walk Across the Room written by Hybel is being used as a Lenten Study this year. The programs will be held on Sunday evenings, Feb 17-Mar 9, with soup and program from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Parish Life Building. Approximately 60 people have signed up as of today.

Stephen Haynsworth asked Perry Gervais if Perry could remind the congregation during services next Sunday about being earnest and consistent with their pledging and giving. It was also requested that an Income/Expense report be reported monthly in the Bridge.

Father Greg asked Perry Gervais to close with prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Jenkins