

ST. JOHN'S PARISH
VESTRY MINUTES
February 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Greg Snyder. Vestry members in attendance were: Junior Warden Boyd Baker, Claudia Boyce, Senior Warden Perry Gervais, Tom Gopsill, Jerry Houston, Perry Jameson, Bubba Jenkins, Bill Leland, Adair McKoy, Libby Puckette, Bruce Saxman, and Ford Walpole. Also in attendance were the Rector, Fr. Greg Snyder, Associate Rector, Fr. Joe Gibbes, Treasurer John Blich, and Recording Secretary Melanie Poston.

Fr. Greg Snyder read the opening meditation.

The Vestry proceeded with the reading of the Vision.

The minutes from the January Vestry meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Blich reported that the surplus for FY2009, as of the date of reporting, is \$16,518.30. Stewardship numbers at the date of the meeting were 158 pledges totaling \$677,498.

John reviewed the finance report for the month of January.

John made a recommendation that some of the undesignated funds, as well as the Mission seed money, be moved to UBS, where it will earn a higher interest rate. Claudia Boyce made a motion to move the undesignated funds, the funds in Restricted - Global Missions, and the funds in Restricted - Local Missions Seed Funds be moved to UBS. Adair McKoy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Care and Help of Needy on the Sea Islands

Fr. Greg Snyder again asked the Vestry to continue getting out the word that St. John's is in a position to help those in need.

Iglesia de San Juan

Bill Leland will now serve as the Vestry member on the Iglesia de San Juan committee.

Alpha Course

Libby Puckette reported that she has received great feedback about the Alpha Course, which began on January 14th. She credits the Lord and her very motivated team. The weekend away will begin on February 19th, and to date, 30 people are signed up for the weekend away.

Missions and Outreach

Claudia Boyce reported that Missions and Outreach would be meeting the following night, and the committee is considering a retreat over the Easter break. The retreat will serve as a mini-mission trip, and the group will work on local projects such as Habitat for Humanity.

Claudia also reminded the Vestry of the Gospel Fest on February 20th at 6:00 pm. St. John's metal folding chairs may be loaned for the event.

NEW BUSINESS

LaRoche Building Renovations

Boyd Baker reported that work will begin this week on the upstairs bathroom in the LaRoche Building. He said the bathroom will be completed before beginning the next phase of renovation.

The Bridge

Fr. Greg Snyder reminded the Vestry that The Bridge will become a bi-monthly publication. The format will be similar, but time-sensitive information will be sent out by email, and also by announcements in the bulletin, printed information at the church services, and by mail to our shut-ins. Tom Gopsill expressed renewed concern about the proposed change. Fr. Greg and The Bridge committee will meet at a later date to discuss his concerns.

Legal Fund

Senior Warden Perry Gervais suggested that money from the undesignated funds should be set aside for a legal fund. Boyd Baker made a motion to allocate \$25,000 of undesignated funds for a legal fund. Perry Gervais seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report

Senior Warden Perry Gervais reported that the Finance Committee has a position open and that Gervais Hills was recommended to fill that open position. Bubba Jenkins made a motion to approve Gervais Hills as a member of the Finance Committee. Bill Leland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Perry reviewed the Parish Structure and the Vestry areas of responsibility. He reminded Vestry members that it is their duty to watch their respective areas' budgets. Perry recommended that Vestry members make contact with the chairmen of the committees for which they are responsible. He also reminded them that an updated Committee Worksheet needs to be filled out for each committee. The worksheet is available for downloading from the website or hard copies may be obtained in the church office.

Junior Warden's Report

Junior Warden Boyd Baker stated that other than the beginning work on the bathroom in the LaRoche Building, he had nothing to report.

Associate Rector's Report

Fr. Joe Gibbes thanked the Vestry for their gracious acceptance of his announcement that he will be leaving St. John's to go to The Church of the Advent in Birmingham, Alabama as a Canon.

Joe reported that Billy Crowther and Perry Jameson will lead the upcoming Men's Hike.

Joe noted that his house will be going on the market and offered it to St. John's at a reduced rate. He asked the Vestry to pray about the proposal and said he will send out an email to the Vestry asking for feedback.

Rector's Report

Fr. Greg Snyder reminded the Vestry that the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is on Tuesday, February 16th at 6:00 pm. Boyd Baker stated that he and the other cooks are ready for the event.

Fr. Greg reminded the Vestry of upcoming important events:

Ash Wednesday services - Wednesday, February 17th at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm;

Diocesan Convention, March 4th and 5th;

New Wineskins Conference in Ridgecrest, NC - April 8-11.

Fr. Greg stated that he would like all Vestry members to try to go to the New Wineskins Conference.

Fr. Joe Gibbes closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Poston

Recording Secretary