

St. John's Parish  
MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING  
January 8, 2008

The January vestry meeting convened in the Parish Life Building at 7:00 PM. Members present were: Dannie Barteet, David Bernthal, Darlene Blicht, Billy Crowther, Neal Edgerton, Senior Warden John Gervais, Junior Warden Brian Gill, Stephen Haynsworth, Sherri Houston, Sue Jenkins, and Peter Tetrev. Also present were: The Rev. Dr. Greg Snyder, The Rev. Joe Gibbes, Treasurer Cindy Pennington, and Recording Secretary Susan Shealey. Absent was Trace Paradise.

Opening Meditation:

Father Greg read Romans 12:1-2 and a passage from My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers and used this passage to remind members to let God have all your strengths and weaknesses. He also asked the vestry to ponder the question, "Is my sacrifice a living sacrifice?"

Father Greg led the vestry in the reading of the vision.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as submitted.

**Old Business:**

PLB Use Policy and Procedure:

Brian Gill presented the PLB Policy with a few minor changes from the policy that had been distributed to them previously. There was discussion and the feeling that more changes needed to be made. This item should be added to the agenda for the vestry retreat. Dannie Barteet made a motion to table this item until the vestry has more opportunity to make changes that reflect total usage of the building.

**Committee Reports:**

Outreach Committee:

Stephen Haynsworth gave an update on the Short Term Improvement Plan that is being implemented for Iglesia de San Juan. They will be meeting monthly to assure progress toward the goals of the plan. They welcome suggestions related to this plan. He and Father Greg informed the vestry about Confirmation for the San Juan congregation two Sundays prior where 14 people were confirmed and 80-100 people were present for the service. He also reported to the vestry about how excited Rev. Julian and Iglesia de San Juan were about the partnership with St. John's. Billy Crowther asked a question regarding any liability issues regarding San Juan. David Bernthal addressed the question with no further discussion needed.

Stewardship Committee:

Tom Gibbes, Chair was not present to give a report.

LaRoche Building Renovations:

Peter Tetrev made a motion to allow Boyd Baker to get an appraisal on the LaRoche building. Dannie Barteet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Youth Group:

Billy Crowther told the vestry about a meeting between Rob Schluter and the youth leaders. He reported that exciting things are happening. The vestry was reminded that Father Joe is, and will continue to work closely with Rob and the Youth Ministry. The vestry asked, in 2007, that Rob attend a vestry meeting every six months to report on the youth ministry, and have asked that he attend the March 2008 meeting for that purpose.

Finance Committee:

John Gervais made a motion to nominate Brian Gill to fill the vacancy that will occur with his rotation off the committee. David Bernthal seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the vestry approved the motion.

**New Business:**

Scouting Line Item for Budget:

Father Greg forwarded a message from the Boy Scout group that is currently meeting in our church. They have requested to have a line item in our budget as a pass through account for money taken in and going out. They are not requesting funding. Discussion centered around other groups and ministries of St. John's that manage their own monies in separate bank accounts. and whether these accounts are actually under the FEIN of St. John's or not. The vestry asked Cindy Pennington her thoughts on the issue, and she was not in favor of this practice. The vestry then asked that the contact person go back to the Boy Scouts and look for other avenues before ruling on this issue.

Peter Tetrev used this discussion about outside groups utilizing our buildings, thus providing outlets for activities, as an avenue to tell about a Christian Karate group for children that might be appropriate and beneficial to have here on the island. He agreed to get more specific information

Sue Jenkins added that St. John's needs to do more outreach of this kind.

Senior Wardens Report:

John Gervais requested that they vestry move into Executive Session for his report.

Junior Warden's Report:

Brain Gill reminded the vestry that he was waiting to hear from Jerry Houston regarding an estimate and contractor to paint the interior of the sanctuary.

Curate's Report:

Father Joe reported that he had just attended the Newcomer's Committee meeting prior to the vestry meeting and had the following dates to share:

February 22, 2008: Newcomer's Reception

He also reminded the vestry of the upcoming Second Annual Skeet Shoot which will be at Ravenswood on February 23, 2008 from 9 AM – 1 PM.

The last weekend of April will be the next Men's Hike.

Rector's Report:

Father Greg reiterated feedback from Iglesia de San Juan about their partnership with St. John's, and reported that he was glad to have been a part of their Confirmation service.

He informed the vestry about Rob Schulter's leadership and teaching opportunity in the upcoming Youthquake Conference at Ridgecrest sponsored by the Acts 29 Ministry.

He reminded the vestry that it is the first anniversary of the ordination of Father Joe Gibbes, and that his new official title will be Associate Rector beginning immediately.

He also reminded the vestry that Friday Jan 11, 2008 is the deadline for Committee Reports for the Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Cindy reminded the vestry that she sent the December financials in draft form because there would be year end transactions and procedures that need to take place before we close out the reports. She also reported which documents would be included in the packet for the Annual Meeting. That report will be finalized and approved by the Finance Committee at their next meeting, which is before the Annual Meeting.

Cindy also recommended a financial orientation for new vestry members.

All business being finished, Brian Gill made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Father Joe prayed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Shealey