

ST. JOHN'S PARISH
VESTRY MINUTES
June 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Greg Snyder. Vestry members in attendance were: Dannie Barteet, Billy Crowther, Neal Edgerton, Senior Warden Perry Gervais, Stephen Haynsworth, Jerry Houston, Perry Jameson, Bubba Jenkins, and Libby Puckette. Others attending were The Rev. Dr. Greg Snyder, The Rev. Joe Gibbes, Treasurer John Blich, Recording Secretary Melanie Poston, Not present: Junior Warden Boyd Baker, Claudia Boyce, and Adair McKoy.

Fr. Greg Snyder showed a scene from the movie "Schindler's List" and compared it to the parable of the Good Shepherd.

The Vestry continued with the reading of the Vision statement.

The May meeting minutes were accepted. Dannie Barteet suggested that any corrections or changes in the Vestry minutes should be highlighted in the final draft. Neal Edgerton asked that the heading indicate if it is a "draft" or a "final" copy of the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer John Blich reviewed the revenue and expenses for May.

John brought a recommendation from the Finance Committee to re-establish the cemetery fund. The money could be put to good use in the cemetery when needed. Neal Edgerton said the use of the funds should be clearly defined and the cemetery committee should determine the use of the funds. The members of the cemetery committee are Adair McKoy, Bill Leland, and Ken Gervais. Jerry Houston recommended that the committee should get the approval of the Junior Warden for the fund use. The Junior Warden will be an ex-officio member of the cemetery committee. Libby Puckette suggested the above recommendations should be added to the cemetery guidelines. Perry Gervais seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Alpha Course

Libby Puckette is planning to attend an Alpha Conference in October in Orlando, Florida where Nicky Gumbel, the founder of Alpha, will be present. A member of her Mom's Bible Study group, Heather Harwell, is interested in attending the conference with her. Heather came to a deeper relationship with Christ after attending an Alpha course and is very interested in helping run future Alpha courses at St. John's. St. Michael's currently runs Alpha courses continually throughout the year and Libby will contact their resource person, Heidi Alexander, to understand better how to get an Alpha program started.

Preschool Renewal Contract

Joe reported that the Creative Learning Preschool's lease ended May 31st, and the new lease will run June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010. The preschool will enroll children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Previously, the oldest age enrolled was 4. Joe said the preschool is not planning to expand the 5-year-old class.

Joe distributed copies of the Fire Marshall's report on the LaRoche Building. The corrections that need to be made to the LaRoche Building are:

- an outside exit from the crib room;
- hard-wired smoke alarms;
- fire-safe doors on all the classrooms.

The Vestry previously discussed improvements to the upstairs of the LaRoche Building. Jerry Houston volunteered to price the needed improvements, and noted that the improvements can be paid for from the building fund. Neal Edgerton made a motion to make the improvements to the upstairs and the downstairs. Billy Crowther amended the motion to state that the work will begin within 30 days. Perry Gervais seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The terms of the lease for the preschool were discussed. Jerry Houston made a motion to accept the resolution to pass the lease. Neal Edgerton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Iglesia de San Juan

Stephen Haynsworth reported that Iglesia de San Juan is working on a Vision and Mission Statement. They have put signs in neighborhoods publicizing the church. They have also started an English-speaking Sunday School class. It runs from 5:00-6:00 pm before the 6:00 pm Sunday service. Stephen is assisting with this class, and would welcome help with it. Iglesia de San Juan is holding a car wash fundraiser on June 27th to help seven children go to summer camp at Camp St. Christopher.

Mercedes is holding two services a month in Edisto. She is also starting a computer lab in the upstairs of the LaRoche Building. Thom Pennington, Stephen Haynsworth, and Fr. Greg Snyder serve on the Iglesia de San Juan committee. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Stephen. Fr. Greg noted that Bishop Lawrence is very supportive of Mercedes' ministry. He also mentions that evangelical Hispanic churches are more successful.

Outreach

Stephen Haynsworth presented a proposed partnership between St. John's Parish and the Travis Hines family, who want to go to Uganda to do missionary work. Travis is a Deacon at the Church of the Savior in Pittsburgh, and the Director for the Center for Distance Learning at Trinity School for Ministry.

Stephen said Claudia Boyce wants the Vestry to approve \$5000 for each of the next three years (a total of \$15,000) to help fund the Hines family. Billy Crowther noted that we would then support two foreign outreaches. Stephen feels God seems to be leading St. John's to Uganda. Fr. Greg talked about feeling led to Uganda, and asked the Vestry to be prayerful about the Uganda mission. The proposal was tabled until the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Diaconal Candidate

The next stage for Brian Gill is candidacy. Fr. Greg read a statement supporting Brian's candidacy, and the Vestry signed the statement. Fr. Greg noted that Brian is half-way through the diaconate process. He serves at the pleasure of the Bishop and should be ordained in September, 2010.

Baptismal Font for 10:22 Service

A parishioner has donated funds to purchase a Baptismal font and accessories for the 10:22 service. Treasurer John Blich stated that a temporary restricted fund needs to be established for that donation. Stephen Haynsworth made a motion to accept the Baptismal font. Dannie Bartet seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Storage Task Force

A task force will be created for storage. Ideas for additional storage include an additional storage unit, and to clean out the storage room in the Parish Life Building. Bubba Jenkins will head the task force, and Perry

Gervais will also serve on the task force. Fr. Greg suggested that two people from the parish should be added. Bubba and Perry will report by the end of the summer.

Senior Warden's Report

Perry Gervais notified The Rev. David Dubay, Rector of Holy Trinity that St. John's will pay Holy Trinity's energy bills for the months of June, July, and August. Fr. Greg read a letter of thanks from Fr. Dubay.

Fr. Greg said that Charles Jenkins has completed his work at Trinity, and will have to wait a bit to be ordained. Perry Gervais read a letter of support, written to Charles, and signed by the Vestry.

Associate Rector's Report

Fr. Joe Gibbes attended the Diocesan Leadership Forum and spoke about the powerful experience it was. Reggie McNeal, author of *Missional Renaissance* talked about how we model by the way we live our lives. He will be speaking at James Island Christian on August 1st. Tickets are \$12. Joe said he and Claudia Boyce, who also attended the conference, were touched by his message.

Joe recommended another book, *The Reason for God*, by Timothy Keller. Joe said it is a great book for people who have skeptics in their lives.

Joe will be camp chaplain at Camp St. Christopher the first week of August. He mentioned that Youth Minister Rob Schluter is chaplain there this week.

Rector's Report

Fr. Greg reported that Grace Chapel had 50 in attendance at their first service of the summer.

He asked for the Vestry to pray for those going on the Dominican Republic mission trip, June 26 - July 3.

Fr. Greg requested Vestry approval for \$1500 to assist Charles Jenkins with his move from Pittsburgh back to Charleston. Perry Gervais made a motion to move \$1500 from the donation given late last year to the seminarian fund. Jerry amended the motion to \$2000, so money will be available to help with Brian Gill's expenses through the end of the year.

Fr. Joe closed the meeting with prayer.