

**ST. JOHN'S PARISH
VESTRY MEETING
MARCH 15, 2011**

Present: Bill Anderson, Claudia Boyce, Steve Brantley, Charlie Davis, Tom Gopsill, Gretchen Horlbeck, Jerry Houston, Bubba Jenkins, Bruce Saxman, and Ford Walpole.
Also Present: Fr. Greg Snyder, Fr. Dagnall Free, Treasurer John Blich, and Recording Secretary Melanie Poston

Not Present: Tom Gibbs and Perry Jameson

Fr. Greg Snyder read and discussed the opening meditation.

The Vestry read the Vision.

The minutes from the February meeting were passed as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Blich reviewed the financial report. He also made the Vestry aware that we have a restricted Choir Music account. John recommended the account be renamed as Restricted – Choir, dropping “Music” so that the account may be used for other choir-related expenses. Tom Gopsill made a motion to change the name of the account from Restricted-Choir Music to Restricted-Choir. Bill Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Care and Help of the Needy

Due to great need in the community, the Rector's Discretionary Fund has been depleted. Senior Warden Jerry Houston made a motion to move \$3,000 from Undesignated Funds to the Restricted-Rector's Discretionary Fund. Tom Gopsill seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed.

Christian Community Center

Claudia reported that she, Fr. Greg, Pastor Greg Butler, the Reverend Otis Scott, the Reverend Mary Stoney, Charlie Davis, and Michele Bryan will meet on Wednesday morning.

Rector's Sabbatical

Fr. Greg updated the Vestry on the plans for his sabbatical. He met with the Reverend John Burwell of the Church of the Holy Cross, who will rotate his clergy to fill in at St. John's. The Reverend Ladson Mills and the Reverend Rob Dewey will also help Fr. Free. Fr. Greg asked for prayers about clergy to help Fr. Free.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Iglesia de San Juan

Tom Gopsill will meet with the Vicar, Fr. David Dubay. He plans for Fr. Dubay to write a monthly column for the Bridge.

Alpha

Gretchen Horlbeck reported that Alpha had a great Spirit Weekend. The winter Alpha will end with a celebration dinner on April 14th. She also reported that Rockville Presbyterian never got back to Libby Puckette concerning a joint Alpha course. Gretchen said there will be a fall Alpha course. She has approached someone about leading the course, but has no answer yet.

E-News

Claudia Boyce asked that a notice be put in the Bridge and in the Sunday bulletin that we can mail E-News to anyone who does not have access to a computer.

Parish Structure

Charlie Davis distributed an updated version of the Parish Structure and asked the Vestry to review their areas of ministry, to make sure each committee has a leader, and that the leader listed is correct. Any corrections or additions should be given to Melanie Poston.

Global Missions

Fr. Greg Snyder reported that Retired Archbishop Nkoyoyo of Northern Uganda is visiting St. John's. He will meet with the Marriage Builders on Friday evening. On Saturday he will participate in the Water Missions Walk for Water, and Sunday he will preach at the 8:00 and 10:30 services. He will also teach the adult Sunday School classes at 9:15. Abp. Nkoyoyo will meet with the Global Missions group after church on Sunday, and meet with the youth groups on Sunday afternoon. Fr. Greg said Abp. Nkoyoyo is an amazing man with an amazing story.

Fr. Greg said the Missions Board will develop a long-range plan for Global Missions for St. John's.

Arts and Crafts/Pottery Ministry

Claudia Boyce reported that no one has stepped forward to lead the Arts and Crafts/Pottery Ministry. She has learned that the donated kiln is not transportable. The ministry is still being explored. Claudia checked with David Bernthal about liability insurance, and was told that there would be no increase in liability on an outside kiln.

Haut Gap and Angel Ministry

Fr. Greg reported that the Angel Ministry took breakfast to the teachers at Haut Gap. The school is looking for Homeroom Mentors. Fr. Greg and his wife, Beth, plan to be Homeroom Mentors. Fr. Greg said the mentors can hold a Bible Study in their homeroom. Fr. Greg sees this as a huge window of opportunity, and challenged the Vestry to get involved in this important ministry. Sixteen groups or couples are needed. Ethel Amacher is coordinating this effort.

Mite Boxes

The mite boxes were handed out last Sunday. The Vestry needs to determine where the money from the mite boxes will go this year. Claudia Boyce made a motion to designate the funds from the mite boxes for the Dominican Republic and Northern Uganda scholarships. Bill Anderson asked that the motion be amended to include the Chain Foundation. Claudia amended the motion. Bill Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Nursery Task Force

Fr. Greg proposed forming a task force to investigate expanding and improving the nursery. Jerry Houston, Walt Miller, Danyelle Blich, Bruce Saxman, and Gretchen Horlbeck will serve on the task force.

Director's Insurance

Gretchen Horlbeck asked if directors insurance is available through the church or if Vestry members need to obtain it through their homeowners insurance. The insurance needs to be purchased by the Vestry members.

Parochial Report

The 2010 Parochial Report was reviewed approved by the Vestry.

Property for Sale

Bill Anderson said the property directly behind Grace Chapel is for sale. Bubba Jenkins will look into the details.

Fishers of Men

Steve Brantley said that the Fishers of Men have been able to schedule their meetings at other churches, but would like the option of having meetings occasionally at St. John's.

Senior Warden's Report

Jerry Houston had nothing to report at this time.

Junior Warden's Report

Bruce Saxman reported that the freezer in the Parish Life Building had to have a new compressor. He arranged for weeding to be done on the grounds. There is a water leak that has not yet been found. Bruce was approached about the donation of a large Pakistani rug. There is not a place on the church campus where the rug will fit. Fr. Greg will check in the rectory.

Curate's Report

Fr. Free reported on pastoral visits he has made. He emphasized again the importance of greeting newcomers. He said that Visitors cards have been placed in the narthex.

Gretchen Horlbeck asked the priests to announce the locations where the prayer teams can be found during the services.

Rector's Report

Fr. Greg reminded everyone of the special Vestry meeting at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, April 6th. Fr. Greg reviewed other upcoming important dates:

April 12 – Next Vestry meeting

April 17 – Palm Sunday

April 24 – Easter Sunday

May 1 – Bishop's visitation and confirmation

May 29 – Fr. Greg's last Sunday before his sabbatical

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Poston

Recording Secretary