

ST. JOHN'S PARISH
VESTRY MINUTES
March 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Greg Snyder. Vestry members in attendance were: Junior Warden Boyd Baker, Dannie Bartee, Claudia Boyce, Billy Crowther, Neal Edgerton, Senior Warden Perry Gervais, Stephen Haynsworth, Jerry Houston, Perry Jameson, Bubba Jenkins, Adair McKoy, and Libby Puckette. Others attending were The Rev. Dr. Greg Snyder, The Rev. Joe Gibbes, Treasurer John Blich, and Recording Secretary Melanie Poston

Fr. Greg Snyder opened with prayer and a meditation on Acts 6:1-7.

The Vestry continued with the reading of the Vision statement.

The minutes for the February Vestry meeting were passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Capers Christian Preparatory School Task Force

Neal Edgerton reported that Claudia Boyce, Billy Crowther, Sherri Houston, and he visited the school. He said it was an enlightening experience and the group is still reviewing information given about the school. They are not yet ready to make a recommendation. Fr. Greg asked the Vestry to pray for the school.

Alpha Course Task Force

Libby Puckette reported on the lunchtime meeting that she and Father Greg attended at St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant to learn more about the Alpha program. They felt it was encouraging and exciting to see the number of people Alpha is reaching. Neal commented that although there is a good bit of work involved, it was wonderful when it was held at St. John's. Libby will set up a meeting for the committee, comprised of Stephen Haynsworth and Perry Jameson, to meet with Judy Piercy of St. Peters, Mt. Pleasant to learn more about the Alpha program. Christianity Explored and Billy Graham's program will be also be evaluated.

Glebe Land Use Task Force

Jerry Houston reported that anything done on the Glebe property will have to be done on a septic tank because there is no sewer on that side of the road, and probably won't be for the next five years. He feels he will have information on what we will can and can not do by the next meeting.

Colonnade

Boyd Baker reported that the original plans for the colonnade included tearing out the existing sidewalks. The cost will be less if we minimize changing the footprint.

Child Protection Policy

Fr. Greg asked the Vestry to read the policy, and tabled the matter until the April meeting.

Investment Committee

Ron Boyce, Michael Johnson, and Elliott Puckette all agreed to serve on the Investment Committee. Dannie Barteet made a motion to activate the Investment Committee. Adair McKoy seconded the motion. The committee must have three in agreement on decisions. The motion passed.

Re-visiting the Vision

Fr. Greg would like to discuss the Vision of St. John's at the April meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Iglesia de San Juan

Claudia Boyce reported that transportation for members of the Hispanic community is a problem. There is a need for transportation not only to church services, but also for doctor's appointments, etc. The subcommittee is to look for someone to help Mercedes with the social work aspect of her ministry.

Parochial Report

John Blitch asked the Vestry to review the 2008 Parochial Report.

Mite Boxes

The Vestry is to designate the money collected from the mite boxes. Perry made a motion to designate the money for the Dominican Republic Mission Trip and for Vacation Bible School. Neal seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report

Perry Gervais suggested that the Vestry give a print of "Miss" Adelaide Walpole's painting of the church to Cindy Pennington, St. John's Treasurer from 2005-2008. He plans to present the framed print to Cindy at the Grace Chapel picnic on Palm Sunday.

Junior Warden's Report

Boyd Baker reminded everyone that Parish Clean-up Day will be on April 4, 2009, beginning at 9:00 am.

It was noted that the door to the kitchen is beginning to rust. Bubba Jenkins volunteered to donate time to sand, prime, and paint the door.

Associate Rector's Report

Fr. Joe Gibbes reported on the Skeet Shoot and thanked Dannie Barteet, John Blitch, and John Blitch, III for their help in making the Skeet Shoot a success. Several participants brought men who are not part of St. John's. Joe noted that it was a good opportunity for these men to hear the Gospel while at the Shoot.

Sarah Hocutt, Director of Creative Learning Preschool, wants to expand her program to include four and five year old children. Billy suggested that Sarah should bring a detailed plan to the Vestry that could be acted upon.

Plans for the Men's Hike in April are coming along well.

Joe is teaching at Epic Weekend for the youth of the diocese. Joe asked for prayers for him and for the weekend. Fr. Greg commented that it is a big honor that Joe has been asked to teach at Epic. He also noted that Youth Minister Rob Schluter was called upon to teach at Jesus weekend. St. John's is very blessed to have both men on our staff.

Rector's Report

Fr. Greg asked the Vestry to review the list of upcoming important dates for St. John's.

Treasurer's Report

John Blitch reported that the Vestry will receive an email and a hard copy of the financial report the week before each Vestry meeting. He noted that the upcoming financial report will be a quarterly report and there will be a comparison to last year in that report.

John asked the Vestry to take note that the Seminarian Fund is nearly depleted. He also reported that the Moms Bible Study group is collecting money each week to help cover sitting costs for their group. The group appreciates the Vestry's support.

Joe closed the meeting with prayer.