

ST. JOHN'S PARISH
VESTRY MINUTES
May 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Greg Snyder. Vestry members in attendance were: Junior Warden Boyd Baker, Dannie Barteet, Claudia Boyce, Billy Crowther, Neal Edgerton, Senior Warden Perry Gervais, 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: Stephen Haynsworth and Adair McKoy.

Fr. Greg Snyder opened with prayer and a meditation.

The Vestry continued with the reading of the Vision statement.

The April meeting minutes were accepted by acclamation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer John Blich reviewed the revenue and expenses for April.

John brought a recommendation from the Finance Committee to combine the Hines Endowment Fund and the Gibbes Endowment Fund. The total of the combined fund is approximately \$23,000. The funds are to be used for seminarians, with seminarians from St. John's being the priority. Dannie Barteet made a motion to combine the Hines Endowment Fund and the Gibbes Endowment Fund. Perry Gervais seconded the motion. It is named the Gibbes-Hines Fund. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Preschool Renewal Contract

Dannie Barteet reported that he, Adair McKoy and Fr. Joe Gibbes met with Sarah Hocutt, director of Creative Learning preschool. Sarah stated a preference to keep all the children in the preschool together in one building. She is looking into the possibility of a room in the upstairs of the LaRoche Building being used for the 4-5 year-old children. Jerry Houston and Boyd Baker feel a bathroom could be added fairly easily to the upstairs of the building. The Fire Marshall and DHEC will have to inspect and okay children using the upstairs. If DHEC will allow the use of the upstairs for children in preschool, the committee recommends allowing the temporary use of a classroom in the Parish Life Building until the necessary renovations can be made in the LaRoche Building. Sarah would like to use the downstairs of the LaRoche Building all day. Billy Crowther made a motion to renovate the last classroom on the left of the upstairs in the LaRoche Building as a bathroom and an office. Jerry Houston seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dannie Barteet recommended that if DHEC says children may use the stairs, Creative Learning may temporarily use a classroom in the Parish Life Building until the renovations in the LaRoche Building are complete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Missions and Outreach

Claudia Boyce reported that there will be a Habitat for Humanity house built by the area churches on May 30th. The goal is to have 25 participants from St. John's.

Claudia also told the Vestry about Travis Hines, a teacher at Trinity, who feels called to go to Uganda to work at Uganda Christian University to teach English. Travis will write an article for the Bridge telling about his goals. Claudia mentioned that Uganda is sending out more Christian missionaries than the United States. She asked the Vestry to pray about the role and commitment of St. John's.

NEW BUSINESS

New Church Directory

The Daughters of the King approached Fr. Greg about publishing a new church directory. The last directory was published in 2005. Fr. Greg asked if there were any objections to a new directory. There were no objections.

Support for Holy Trinity Church, Folly Road

The Rev. David Dubay wrote a letter asking for financial support and prayer. Boyd Baker made a motion to pay Holy Trinity's power bills for the months of June, July, and August. The motion was seconded by Dannie Bartee. The motion was approved, and the Vestry decided to revisit the situation at the August meeting. Neal Edgerton also suggested that Rob Schluter contact Holy Trinity's youth minister to offer help.

Senior Warden's Report

Perry Gervais reported that he talked to Charlie Davis about the Glebe land and let him know that for the foreseeable future nothing will be done to develop that property.

Perry made a plea for the Upper Room Prayer Team. Volunteers are needed! Perry asked the Vestry to give Lynn Gervais a call if they can help. Claudia Boyce offered to help with the prayer team.

Perry said Ethel Amacher will head the directory committee. Anyone who would like to be involved with the publishing of a new church directory should contact Ethel.

Junior Warden's Report

Boyd Baker reported that Grace Chapel has been painted and has had minor repairs made. He thanked Bubba Jenkins for repairs made around St. John's.

Boyd feels we are in need of new long tables. Several of our tables are in very poor condition.

Boyd mentioned the many good comments about the yard sale which was held on May 2, 2009. Boyd encouraged the Vestry to find ways to help people during these tough economic times. He feels the Dave Ramsey course was a positive help and would like to see more events like the yard sale to help people.

Associate Rector's Report

Fr. Joe Gibbes thanked the Vestry for a week off.

Rector's Report

Fr. Greg Snyder reminded everyone that the First Broad Street United Methodist Church group will be here from May 27th until June 6th to do mission work on John's Island.

Fr. Greg announced the 275th Anniversary celebration will be held on May 17th and reviewed the church schedule for that day:

- 8:00 am - Festal Eucharist
- 8:15 am - Bishop Lawrence will speak and answer questions in the Parish Life Building
- 10:30 am - Confirmation and First Communion, including Iglesia de San Juan

Fr. Greg thanked all who helped with the Silent Auction to make it a success.

Fr. Greg asked for the names of St. John's members who are graduating in 2009.

Fr. Joe closed the meeting with prayer.