

**ST. JOHN'S PARISH
VESTRY MEETING
MAY 11, 2010**

Present: Junior Warden Boyd Baker, Claudia Boyce, Senior Warden Perry Gervais, Tom Gopsill, Jerry Houston, Perry Jameson, Bill Leland, Adair McKoy, Libby Puckette, and Ford Walpole. Also attending: Fr. Greg Snyder, Fr. Joe Gibbes, and Recording Secretary Melanie Poston. Not present: Bubba Jenkins, Bruce Saxman, and Treasurer John Blich.

Fr. Greg Snyder opened with a meditation and prayer.

The meeting continued with the reading of the Vision.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Bridge Printing

Tom Gopsill told the Vestry that the cost of having the Bridge printed and mailed by Kinko's was higher than presented at the April meeting. Tom negotiated with the UPS store for the same services. He said that the price would be slightly higher than the original price proposed at the April meeting. Tom said he would proceed with having the UPS store print and mail the Bridge if there were no objections. There were no objections.

LaRoche Building Renovations

Boyd Baker reported that the installation of central air in the upstairs of the LaRoche Building had begun. The painting of the outside of the building was about halfway completed. Boyd hopes the building will be completely finished in about a month.

Compensation for New Curate

The compensation package included \$12,000 for scholarships for the new Curate's two children. For the 2010-2011 school year only one child will be in school, while the other child will be home schooled for one more year. It was proposed that for one year only the entire \$12,000 could be applied to the tuition for the first child. Boyd Baker made a motion to leave the scholarships as is, at \$6,000 per child. Tom Gopsill seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The vote was split and the motion was tabled.

Missions and Outreach

Claudia Boyce reported that the Missions and Outreach Committee met with Micah LaRoche. It was proposed that St. John's and Rockville Presbyterian, along with other churches help fund a salary for Linda Fasiq of Rural Missions so that she can continue to work with Rural Missions as Project Coordinator. The funding from St. John's would come from the Restricted – Local Missions fund. A foundation may be set up at Rockville Presbyterian.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordination

Fr. Greg informed the Vestry that Dagnall Free will be ordained as a deacon at 7:00 pm on June 2, 2010 at the Church of the Holy Cross. He also reported that Bishop Lawrence is working with Charles Jenkins to seek certification for Charles.

It was decided that the next Vestry meeting will be held on July 13th since Fr. Greg will be in Scotland at the time of the planned meeting for June.

New Website

Fr. Greg reported that the new website is up and running as of May 10th.

Creative Learning

Libby Puckette shared a conversation she had with Sarah Hocutt, director of Creative Learning. Libby told the Vestry that Sarah said being able to use the Parish Life Building for lunch has been a real blessing.

Ireland Mission Trip

Libby reported that approximately \$5,300 has been raised for the Ireland Mission trip to date. A Silent Auction will be held on June 6th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm in the Parish Life Building. This event is sponsored by the entire group from the diocese going on the trip.

Senior Warden's Report

Perry Gervais reported that the review of insurance is still progressing. Perry asked the Vestry to keep June 8th open in case the insurance is ready for review by the Vestry.

Perry said the Employee contract is still in the working stages.

Junior Warden's Report

Boyd Baker informed the Vestry that the air conditioner compressor went out in the kitchen unit. The small unit in the nursery of the LaRoche Building also stopped working and had to be replaced. Boyd reminded people that if they change a thermostat not to push the "Hold" button.

Associate Rector's Report

Fr. Joe Gibbes said that the Men's Hike and King's Hike were great—a total of 55 men participated, 25 of whom were from St. John's. Joe said that Perry Jameson and Billy Crowther did an amazing job in planning the hike and they are ready to carry on in leadership roles.

Joe has been an advocate for Creative Learning. He reminded the Vestry that the lease should be modified when Creative Learning begins using space upstairs. \$800 per month was discussed.

Joe expressed his love for St. John's. He is happy about the new opportunity that takes him to the Church of the Advent in Birmingham, but is sad to leave St. John's. Adair thanked Joe for his ministry. Joe thanked the Vestry for the opportunities given him at St. John's.

Rector's Report

Fr. Greg reminded everyone that Joe's last Sunday is May 23rd. There will be a joint service in the church, with overflow in the Parish Life Building. A barbeque reception will follow the 10:30 service.

Confirmation Sunday with Bishop Lawrence was a wonderful service. 254 attended the 10:30 service.

Fr. Greg told the Vestry that Fr. Joe is the first assistant he has had and can't imagine anyone better. Fr. Greg knows Joe will do a great job at the cathedral in Birmingham. Fr. Greg noted that he also looks forward to what Dagnall will bring to St. John's.

Fr. Greg asked for prayer for his trip to Pittsburgh and the board meeting.

There was discussion on the state of the diocese and the Anglican Communion.

Fr. Joe closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Poston
Recording Secretary