

**ST. JOHN'S PARISH  
VESTRY MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2010**

Present: Junior Warden Boyd Baker, Claudia Boyce, Senior Warden Perry Gervais, Tom Gopsill, Jerry Houston, Perry Jameson, Bubba Jenkins, Bill Leland, Adair McKoy, Bruce Saxman, and Ford Walpole. Also attending: Fr. Greg Snyder, Fr. Dagnall Free, Treasurer and Convention Delegate John Blitch, Convention Delegates Neal Edgerton, Eddie Porcher, Neal Edgerton, and Recording Secretary Melanie Poston.

Not Present: Libby Puckette

Fr. Greg Snyder asked for prayer requests. All in attendance received communion.

The meeting proceeded with the reading of the Vision.

The Vestry discussed the resolutions to be voted upon at Friday's Diocesan convention. The discussion gave the delegates an opportunity to hear the Vestry members' opinions on the resolutions. Delegates also were able to offer clarification on some points, since they had attended the West Charleston Deanery meeting the week before. After the discussion, the delegates (except Treasurer John Blitch) were excused.

**Treasurer's Report**

John Blitch reviewed the September financial report, and gave the bank balance.

Discussion was held on possibly beginning the Stewardship campaign earlier in the year.

Claudia Boyce asked about the ten percent allocation for Missions and Outreach. It was pointed out that St. John's gives far more than ten percent in outreach. Jerry Houston recalled when he first became a member of the Finance committee, it was explained to him that Missions and Outreach was more than the three obvious line items, and that is why line items such as Seminarian #1 and Trinity School for Ministry are included in Missions and Outreach.

John thanked the Vestry for the good job they had done in getting the Budget Request forms returned. He then distributed a handout with all requested entered. The budget requests totaled approximately \$65,000 more than last year's budget. John noted that the Finance committee believes the revenue for 2011 will stay at about the same amount as 2010, and then reviewed each line item. John asked the Vestry to tell him what action to request of the Finance Committee for next week's meeting.

- Tom Gopsill made a motion that \$25,000 from undesignated funds be designated for painting the church. Boyd seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
- Tom Gopsill moved \$5,000 be put back in the budget for Discretionary Funds. Bubba Jenkins seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

- Boyd Baker made a motion to reduce the amount in Women's Ministry from the requested \$5,000 to \$500. Jerry Houston seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
- Tom Gopsill made a motion to allocate \$2500 as start-up money for Que-N-Blue. Boyd Baker seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The Vestry requested that the remaining budget go back to the Finance Committee for recommendations on trimming budget to 2010 totals.

### **Hispanic Ministry**

Fr. Greg told the Vestry that Iglesia de San Juan is continuing to hold Sunday services. He asked that they continue to pray about the future of the Hispanic ministry. Claudia Boyce said she feels Sasha Milleman is doing a wonderful job as the coordinator for Iglesia de San Juan.

### **Community Center**

Claudia Boyce, Fr. Greg, Fr. Free, Dr. Charlie Davis, and The Reverend Otis Scott of Wesley United Methodist Church on Johns Island are going to visit Mayor Riley to ask about the possibility of help from the city of Charleston with water and sewage. Fr. Greg asked the Vestry to pray for the group; they will meet on Wednesday, October 20 at 4:00 pm.

### **Alpha Weekend**

Twenty people have signed up for the Alpha weekend at Folly Beach. Fr. Greg will celebrate on Saturday, October 16.

### **Missions and Outreach**

Claudia Boyce asked for volunteers for a day to help build a house by Christmas. Details will be in e-news.

### **Stewardship**

Fr. Greg told the Vestry that the 2011 Stewardship chairman is Trap Puckette. Stewardship letters should have been received by now. The date to return pledges by is Sunday, November 7. Fr. Greg is teaching at different Bible Study groups about stewardship.

### **Senior Warden's Report**

Perry Gervais distributed the 2010 Use of Abundance list, a list compiled of suggestions for use of undesignated funds. Tom Gopsill commented on the email sent by Claudia Boyce about the tremendous problem of a bed-bugs infestation at Rural Housing. Sylvia Williams, director of Rural Housing, has asked for assistance in the cost (\$1,650) of extermination of the bed-bugs. Boyd made a motion to suspend discussion on the Use of Abundance until after the Diocesan convention on October 15. Jerry Houston seconded the motion. Boyd amended his motion to exclude the extermination of bed bugs from suspension of discussion, and to approve the use of \$1,650 in undesignated funds for the extermination of bed bugs. Jerry agreed to the amendment, and the motion was passed by the Vestry.

Claudia Boyce made a motion to approve \$7,500 in undesignated funds to Lowe's Home Improvement to help Rural Missions finish building a house by Christmas. There was no

second. Perry Gervais suggested Vestry members take the Use of Abundance suggestions home and prayerfully consider the list.

Perry passed around a letter of thanks from Trevor Spencer, to whom St. John's contributed \$3,000 for his seminary education. Fr. Greg noted that recently while in Pittsburgh, he had dinner with Trevor, as well as with Jonathan Bennett, to whom St. John's also made a \$3,000 contribution for seminary school. Fr. Greg said both Trevor and Jonathan expressed their gratitude and appreciation.

The decision was made to keep the 2011 Diocesan Support pledge amount at the 2010 rate of ten percent (\$75,000) until there is a more concrete number available.

### **Junior Warden's Report**

Boyd Baker reported that the painting of the bathrooms in the Parish Life Building has been completed. Landscaping around the Parish Life Building and on other parts of the campus is in progress. Boyd also noted that discretionary funds have been used in many ways to help struggling families on the islands.

### **Curate's Report**

Fr. Free distributed a proposal to clean the chairs and replace the chair sliders in the Parish Life Building. The cost will be \$1,000 for the initial cleaning, and then \$75 per month for maintenance. It was decided that will be paid from the Parish Life Building Repairs/Maintenance line item.

Fr. Free distributed information gathered by Youth Minister Rob Schluter on if/how other churches in the Diocese are handling payment of their Youth Ministry apprentices. Rob and Fr. Free recommend paying a stipend of \$100 per week to help St. John's apprentice Bradley Nettles with his expenses. Brad is learning how to lead Bible studies, youth retreats, and to give talks. Bruce Saxman made a motion to pay a \$400 per month stipend to Bradley Nettles out of undesignated funds. Perry Jameson seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed.

Twenty people participated in the Christian Golf Tournament at Stono Ferry last Thursday, October 7. There will be another tournament held in November at Shadowmoss.

Fr. Free goes before the Standing Committee for the last time next Thursday, October 21. He asked for the Vestry's prayers for him at that time, as well as prayers for Fr. Greg and the Men's Hike on October 21 – 24.

### **Rector's Report**

Fr. Greg reviewed upcoming dates of importance:

October 15 Diocesan Convention at St. Paul's, Summerville

October 31 Trunk 'n' Treat

November 7 All Saints Day, Bp. Allison preaching at 8:00 and 10:30 services

November 20 Feeding of the Multitude

Fr. Greg asked for prayer for the clergy and delegates on Friday at the Diocesan Convention.

Fr. Free closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melanie Poston  
Recording Secretary