

**ST. JOHN'S PARISH
VESTRY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**

Present: Junior Warden Boyd Baker, Claudia Boyce, Senior Warden Perry Gervais, Tom Gopsill, Jerry Houston, Perry Jameson, Bill Leland, Adair McKoy, Libby Puckette, Bruce Saxman, and Ford Walpole. Also attending: Fr. Greg Snyder, Fr. Dagnall Free, Treasurer John Blich, and Recording Secretary Melanie Poston.

Not Present: Bubba Jenkins

Fr. Greg Snyder asked for prayer requests, then opened with prayer and a meditation.

The meeting proceeded with the reading of the Vision.

Fr. Greg congratulated Brian Gill on his ordination to the Diaconate on Saturday, September 11, 2010. Brian addressed the Vestry (statement attached).

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Blich reviewed the August Financial Report.

John asked Vestry to turn in their committee Budget Request forms for 2011. He asked the Vestry to get in touch with any committee chair who had not turned in a 2011 Budget Request form. So that John can organize the forms for the Finance committee meeting on Tuesday, September 21, any remaining forms must be give to him no later than Friday, September 17th.

Care of Needy

Fr. Greg requested that Vestry continue to get the word out to help the needy on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands.

Property and Liability Insurance

Fr. Greg reported that David Bernthal, who is serving on the Insurance committee for the Diocese, is still investigating carriers. Whether or not to purchase earthquake insurance was discussed. Perry Gervais will discuss the issue with David and report to the Vestry at the next meeting. Tom Gopsill made a motion to continue our current insurance. Adair McKoy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Future of Hispanic Ministry

Fr. Greg said he has been praying about Iglesia de San Juan. He served as the priest at their service the previous Sunday, and noted that 15 people attended. He would like to see members of San Juan incorporated into the life of St. John's, and asked the Vestry to pray with him about this. Bill Leland, liaison for San Juan, said he is encouraged by the

number of priests lined up to serve, including Callie Perkins, Dow Sanderson, Dan Messier, and George Tompkins. Ford Walpole does not want the emphasis to be only on the number of people attending. Jerry Houston noted that the building of the church in the Dominican Republic was not done by numbers. Libby Puckette asked if the Lord is calling us for this ministry. Fr. Greg asked if we are discipling the members of San Juan, and noted that St. John's has a great gift as a disciple church. Adair McKoy said that for this to continue, he feels there is someone who we have not prayed into St. John's. Fr. Greg asked the Vestry to continue to pray about Iglesia de San Juan.

Youth Ministry

Youth Minister Rob Schluter reported on the recent and upcoming activities involving the youth of St. John's. Rob said the youth are studying Ephesians along with the rest of the church. This past summer they studied Philippians. The youth have an organized time of prayer each week, including Prayer Partners. They will keep the same partner for the rest of the semester. CORE begins in two weeks. The middle school and high school youth have a combined Sunday School class, and Rob noted that Walt Miller has been writing the middle school curriculum. Mondo weekend, for middle school, is coming up in October. Regenerate, for high school students, will be in November.

Rob told the Vestry that the Diocesan Youth Coordinator, Dave Wright, asked Rob to take on an apprentice. Brad Nettles has begun working 20 hours a week with Rob. Rob said the program is similar to diaconate training, but will be shorter in length. Rob emphasized he has taken Brad on for one school year only. Four are in the program this year. Fr. Greg noted that it is a great compliment that the Diocese asked that Brad be trained at St. John's under Rob. Rob invited the Vestry to come to youth group.

Discussion followed on setting up a stipend for Brad. Perry Gervais asked Fr. Free to investigate, with Rob, the need and how other churches are handling the situation. Adair and Claudia asked the Vestry to pray about this.

Alpha

Libby Puckette reported that over 60 people attended the kick-off for Alpha. She noted it is not too late to join. It is exciting to have a new team leading Alpha.

Que-N-Blue

Libby asked the Vestry for \$2500 start-up money for Que-N-Blue. \$1000 of that will be used toward costs, and \$1500 will be used toward tickets. Boyd Baker made a motion to allocate \$2500 for Que-N-Blue as start-up funds. Perry Gervais seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kitchen Committee

Libby brought a proposal from Sherry Fox to purchase 12 cloth tablecloths to be used by various committees. The money will be taken from the Alpha budget.

Bartering Network

Tracy Anastasis approached Fr. Greg about setting up a bartering network. Discussion was held on the possibilities and the liabilities. More information will be gathered for the next meeting.

Pastoral Crisis Intervention

Sherry Fox, Lynn Gervais, Brian Gill, and Stephen Haynsworth attended the Pastoral Crisis Intervention program held by Coastal Crisis Ministry. In the event of a hurricane, for example, they would initiate a phone network to check on parishioners.

Christian Community Center for Johns Island

The Vestry revisited the feasibility of a Christian community center for Johns Island. Fr. Greg asked Claudia Boyce to work with Dr. Charlie Davis, and to ask two more people to serve on a committee to investigate the possibilities.

Feeding of the Multitude

Claudia said a chair for the clean-up committee is desperately needed, as well as someone who is good with spreadsheets and computers to help Claudia with computer work.

Senior Warden's Report

Perry Gervais noted that we have a large amount of undesignated funds again this year, and he feels we need to give it away. Discussion followed. Bill Leland suggested that each Vestry member come to the next meeting with three ideas, including amounts, of where they would like to see the money go. Perry said each member should send his or her list to his home email address and he will compile the list. His email is PerryGervais@comcast.net. He asked the Vestry to consider their suggestions prayerfully.

Junior Warden's Report

Boyd Baker reported that the painting of the Parish Life Building is nearly finished. The bathrooms still need to be painted. Boyd said it could cost \$25,000 to paint the exterior of the church in 2011.

Boyd said a gift of \$10,000 has been given to landscape around the Parish Life Building. Bill Leland asked if there were any plans to fix up the storage room, which Boyd said may be a possibility if funds are available.

Boyd said another possible project would be to enlarge the chapel at Camp St. Christopher. He noted the boardwalks also need work.

Curate's Report

Fr. Free reported on the upcoming Christian Golf Tournament on October 7, 2010 at Stono Ferry. There are currently 8-10 signed up. The cost is \$56 and includes meditation before the tournament and lunch.

Fr. Free showed the Vestry a copy of The Common Life, a booklet on the ministries of St. John's, which he is in the process of updating.

Rector's Report

Fr. Greg distributed information on the Title IV changes to the Canons, which will take affect in July, 2011. He said the changes mean it will be much easier Bishops, including the Presiding Bishop, to inhibit clergy.

Fr. Greg distributed the resolutions, which will be voted upon at the upcoming reconvened Diocesan convention, on October 15, 2010. There is a West Charleston Deanery meeting on September 23.

Fr. Greg reminded the Vestry of upcoming important dates:

September 15 – Martha Harris Day at Kiawah

September 19 – First day of Sunday School

October 3 – Parish Forum

Fr. Greg stressed the importance of unity in the congregation. He asked for prayer for Bishop Lawrence, who will leave tomorrow for the House of Bishops meeting.

Fr. Free closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Poston
Recording Secretary

August 26, 2010

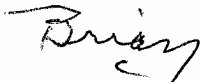
To: The Vestry of St. John's Parish
From: Brian W. Gill

To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ, what a wonderful gift you have given to Marjorie and me. I truly felt the Body of Christ working through St. John's over these past five years. Without your prayers, encouragement, and financial assistance I would not have succeeded. I believe more strongly today than even five+ years ago (when I felt the call to the Diaconate), that God's expectation is to continue to show me the love of all his Saints.

I am excited that the Bishop has agreed to my being assigned to St. John's, and feel both humbled and blessed to be able to be obedient to whatever role Christ has planned for me.

Thank you again for all of your love and support.

In Jesus' Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian".

Brian W. Gill