

ST. JOHN'S PARISH
VESTRY MINUTES
September 8, 2009

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

Fr. Greg Snyder opened the meeting with prayer and a meditation from Malachi, 1 Timothy, and Matthew.

The Vestry continued with the reading of the Vision statement.

The August meeting minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer John Blich reviewed the August financial report.

Alpha Course Group

Fr. Greg reported that a kick-off for Alpha Course is planned for January, 2010, and dates for the course to begin are being considered. Libby Puckette informed the Vestry that the coalition kick-off is in September.

Storage Space Task Force

Bubba Jenkins has evaluated the storage space and feels that many of the items taking space can be donated or discarded. He and his committee will begin cleaning out the storage shed.

Care and Help for Those in Need

Fr. Greg asked the Vestry to continue to get the word out that we have funds available to help those in need.

Que-N-Blue

Perry Jameson reported that the annual event has been so well organized by Libby Puckette and Karen Tetrev in the past and that organization continues. He asked the Vestry to be available to serve food on the day of Que-N-Blue. Jerry Houston reminded him that the Vestry had approved \$2000 for up-front expenses such as deposits for relief stations and a tent. Libby said she is working on a testimonies booklet which will be distributed the day of Que-N-Blue. Libby requested the Vestry's participation in submitting their faith story. Fr. Greg plans to challenge the congregation to bring guests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Creative Learning

Fr. Joe Gibbes reminded the Vestry of the agreement that Creative Learning could begin a full-day program with DHEC approval. Director Sarah Hocutt's current lease states that the operation time of the preschool is from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, allowing the staff to be there before and after those times. The preschool now operates until 6:00 pm. Joe said the lease needs to reflect the new time schedule, and asked if an increase in the \$400 per month rent should be considered. Jerry Houston suggested an additional \$200 charge for the additional time. Jerry also recommended that the lease should be reviewed when Sarah moves upstairs. He reported that Boyd Baker is working with the Fire Marshall and is still waiting on one door to be delivered. Claudia Boyce made a motion to charge the preschool \$600 per month with the operating hours of 8:30 am - 6:00 pm. Bubba Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Joe asked about the temporary use of a room in the Parish Life Building. Dannie Barteet stated his belief that the preschool can grow in the LaRoche Building. Jerry feels she has adequate space for now, and suggested the issue should be revisited by the Vestry when the upstairs of the LaRoche Building has been renovated.

Missions and Outreach

Claudia Boyce reported that members of her committee plan to partner with New Webster to repair homes on Bears Bluff Road. She noted that some of the home have no heat, and the residents try to heat their homes with stoves.

Claudia said that Travis Hines is ecstatic and thankful for the funds St. John's is giving for his mission work in Uganda.

October 18th is Emergency Services Sunday and The Rev. Rob Dewey will preach at St. John's on that day.

A meeting for Feeding of the Multitude on September 9th. Claudia said the group is reaching out to nursing homes, etc. to bring in more people.

Claudia reported that five staff of Haut Gap school have responded and asked for prayer. The principal will announce the prayer partners program again.

There will be a two mile walk for the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center on November 7th beginning at 9:00 am. Lindsay Jackson is heading a team from St. John's.

Greg Johnsman and Weezie Shaw will go on the Ukraine Mission Trip on October 1 - 11, and Claudia requested prayers for them.

Stephen Haynsworth is collecting old copies of the "Journey" devotional book. He said

Brian Gill will take them to inmates at the Charleston County Detention Center.

Stewardship

Fr. Greg asked the Vestry to review two letters he plans to include in the 2010 Stewardship campaign mailing. One letter is written to people new to St. John's and gives people an idea of what we are doing. The second letter is for people who have attended St. John's for a number of years. Fr. Greg stated that he tried to make the point that it is important to give something, even if one is unable to give 10 percent.

Senior Warden's Report

Perry Gervais reminded everyone that the Budget Request forms for 2010 were due that day. He urged those who had not yet turned in forms to do so as soon as possible.

Associate Rector's Report

Fr. Joe Gibbes noted that Creative Learning director, Sarah Hocutt, has asked for the maximum of what she intends to ask from St. John's.

Joe reported that there are currently 18 men from St. John's signed up for the Men's Hike, scheduled for October 1 - 4. He said that the King's Hike has been cancelled since Walt Miller, the leader of that hike, has family obligations that weekend.

Joe told the Vestry he is excited about the upcoming series on the Apostles' Creed.

Rector's Report

Fr. Greg Snyder reminded everyone of the Apostles' Creed teaching. He asked that they keep up with the work in the booklet. He said that the Sunday School classes will also be talking about the Apostles' Creed. At the end of the series, a DVD/Audio CD will be available.

Bishop Lawrence visited with the Archbishop of Canterbury. Fr. Greg encouraged everyone to come to the classes he is giving on the Ridley Covenant. He handed out a copy of the covenant and a timeline.

He noted that one Episcopal rector and three Lutheran rectors have repudiated the actions of their bishops of Upper South Carolina. He said we should look for opportunities to build relationships with other parishes and other dioceses, and pray about how we can help.

Perry Gervais noted that we can partner through Faith Alive, Cursillo, and Alpha Course.

At the special Diocesan Convention on October 24, four resolutions will be voted upon.

Stephen Haynsworth mentioned putting five percent of our budget towards Anglican Communion Development Committee, and asked that this be discussed at the October

meeting.

A Parish Meeting will be held on September 27 to elect delegates for the special convention in October. Fr. Greg noted that the current delegates may continue to serve for that convention as well. Libby suggested asking the current delegates if they feel they are informed on the issues which will be addressed. Fr. Greg will call the current delegates.

Fr. Greg reviewed important upcoming dates.

Other

During the August meeting, Fr. Greg asked the Vestry to go to a public place and observe people, and pray for them. Neal Edgerton, Libby Puckette, Claudia Boyce, Perry Jameson, and Perry Gervais each reported on their individual experiences.

Fr. Joe Gibbes closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfull submitted,
Melanie Poston
Recording Secretary