

# SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## MINUTS OF VESTRY MEETING

**MARCH 14, 2006**

The meeting convened in the Parish Life Building at 7:00 p.m. Present were John Gervais III- Senior Warden, Boyd Baker, David Bernthal, Darlene Blitch, Perry Gervais, Brian Gill, Sherri Houston, Sue Jenkins, Trace Paradise and Bryant Quisenberry. Also, The Rev. Dr. Gregory Snyder-Rector, The Rev. Ron Warfuel, Mrs. Cindy Pennington-Treasurer and Frances Fuchs-Clerk. Absent were Earl Sease-Junior Warden and Peter Tetrev.

Fr. Greg opened the meeting with prayer and a meditation. The group read the Vision for St. John's Parish.

Minutes of the February meeting which was held during the Vestry Retreat will be distributed via email to the members for proofing.

### OLD BUSINESS:

A. Memorials: John Gervais III reported that he had spoken with Frances Fuchs regarding the decision to reform the committee, and she would let the other committee members know. He stated that he and Brian Gill had met and they recommend using the original document created for the committee which states the criteria, terms, purpose and function. The new committee members are Ken Schneider – Chairman, Trace Paradise, the Rev. Fred Sosnowski, Emily Leland, Stan LaRoche, and another not yet named. John Gervais III moved the recommendation be accepted, David Bernthal seconded and motion carried.

B. Projector/South System for Parish Life Building: Bryant Quisenberry reported that Tom Brown was working on the project.

C. Puckette Memorial Garden: Frances Fuchs reported that the Memorials Committee had previously reported favorably to the Vestry and Thomas Puckette, and the plan would be give to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for implementation, with Thomas' input.

D. Basketball Court: Perry Gervais reported that the area had been staked out, and Gervais Hills can do the work within a month or month and a half, but could not give a starting date at this time. The cost for a concrete court is approximately \$18,000, of which Three Oaks would donate \$2000 in-kind work. The balance of the funds is to be raised.

E. Sale of the Church Van: John Gervais III will get pictures and put it on E-bay.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Administration: John Gervais III and Brian Gill reviewed the Committee Worksheets of the following committees: Finance; Investment Advisory; Stewardship; Scholarship; Memorials; Teller and Website.

John Gervais reported that Jerry Houston has accepted appointment to the Finance Committee, pending Vestry approval. This was accomplished by motion of Trace Paradise, seconded by Brian Gill, and carried unanimously.

II. Buildings & Grounds: David Bernthal reported that the carpet in Grace Chapel needs to be replaced. Also, the pews need to be bracketed (or bolted) to the floor to prevent accidents. Further, an inspection is needed to determine where and how the squirrels are getting into the building, and the condition of the electrical wiring. The Junior Warden will be advised to proceed.

Following up on the evaluation of property owned by St. John's, he suggested that the real estate agents in the parish be contacted to give a ball park figure of the value.

III. Mission & Outreach: Sherry Houston reported that JoAnne Ellison has been engaged as speaker for the Healing Mission in October. Also, Michelle Bryan will be the Prayer Team coordinator.

David Bernthal suggested that speakers from the various outreach ministries supported by the church report to the parish at the services throughout the year, and published in The Bridge as well.

IV. Worship Service Support: Trace Paradise reported that the behavior of the acolytes during the services has been addressed.

V. Education & Discipleship: Perry Gervais stated that Frances Puckette reported that five Sunday school teachers were attending the Grow Conference 3/24-25.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A. Terrorism Insurance – Trace Paradise moved that we decline the proposed policy. Perry Gervais seconded and motion carried.

B. Signs for Church & Events/Parish Life Building road lighting – no action taken.

C. Deacon's Expenses: Expenses for the Rev. Ron Warfuel up to \$1200 were approved upon motion of David Bernthal, seconded by Brian Gill.

D. A proposal for purchase of land for Farm Labor housing was presented and discussed. Fr. Greg asked that the members read the proposal and consider action at the April meeting. Sue Jenkins moved that the Outreach/Mission committee check on the Foundation and report to the Vestry. David Bernthal seconded and motion carried.

SENIOR WARDEN: No report

JUNIOR WARDEN: A workday for the building and grounds is scheduled for Saturday, April 8.

Trace Paradise reported that they have a bid of \$9,500 for painting the Parish Life Building, with high quality washable paint, and will complete the job within 14-21 days.

Susan Shealey has met with one candidate for sexton and Fr. Greg will meet with him next. They will also get a background check on candidate.

RECTOR: Fr. Greg explained the role of a Vocational Deacon, and how the Rev. Warfuel will serve at St. John's. He also reported that Walt Miller will begin work on Monday, March 20, as Christian Education Director.

He stated that he will be teaching at the Diocesan Deacons' Training monthly through next year.

He commented on the Lenten Series, and reported on the All Saint's-Waccamaw situation in regard to the recent court ruling.

Fr. Greg presented the Diocesan Policy for Protection of Childhood and Youth from Abuse and suggested that the Vestry adopt it rather than create a policy. David Bernthal moved that we accept Diocesan policy, Trace Paradise seconded and motion carried.

He stated that we need to begin thinking about a Long Range Planning Committee. Also, we will begin a third service in September. Everyone was reminded that when they use the building, they should check all doors to and sure they are locked.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cindy Pennington reported on the Building Fund and stated that the monthly operating report is not yet available, due to information being put into the new system.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Fuchs, Clerk