

ST. JOHN'S PARISH
VESTRY MINUTES
August 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Greg Snyder. Vestry members in attendance were: : Junior Warden Boyd Baker, 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: Adair McKoy

Fr. Greg Snyder opened the meeting with prayer and a meditation from Revelation 2.

The Vestry continued with the reading of the Vision statement.

The July meeting minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer John Blich reviewed the revenue and expenses for July.

John recommended the Vestry set up a temporary restricted account for the Skilton Scholarship for Hispanic Ministries. Perry Gervais made a motion to set up a temporary restricted account for the Bishop Skilton Scholarship for Hispanic Ministries, and that the treasurer should be the manager. Dannie Barteet seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

A permanent restricted fund for Vacation Bible School was recommended by John. This enables people to make donations specifically for Vacation Bible School. Claudia Boyce made a motion to set up a permanent restricted fund for Vacation Bible School. Stephen Haynsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Alpha Course

Libby Puckette asked to be contacted if any of the Vestry knows of someone willing to help start Alpha Course at St. John's. St. Michael's Fall Alpha Course begins on Tuesday, September 1st. Libby feels it will be helpful for anyone planning to help at St. John's to attend the course at St. Michael's.

Colonnade

Boyd Baker said the architect is still working on the plans for the colonnade.

Global Teams Ministries

Fr. Greg reported that the additional information needed to make a decision on the donation of funds for Travis Hines to do mission work in Uganda had been resolved. Dannie Barteet made a motion to give a donation this year of \$15,000 to Travis Hines for mission work in Uganda. Perry Gervais seconded the motion. Claudia Boyce will manage the fund. The motion passed. Perry asked that Travis keep St. John's informed of his progress in Uganda.

Care and Help of Needy

Fr. Greg updated the Vestry on the continuing help St. John's is giving on the island. He noted that in addition to individuals, we assisted a church on Johns Island.

Outreach and Missions

Claudia Boyce announced that the kick-off meeting for Feeding of the Multitude is on Monday, August 17 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Life Building. The event will be held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 21, 2009.

Claudia also reported that Rural Mission has a family on Wadmalaw Island whose home is in need of repairs. She is hoping some people from St. John's will team with members of an African-American church to make repairs on the home.

Outreach, the Prayer Team, and Daughters of the King are teaming up to pray for the staff at Haut Gap School. The principal of Haut Gap will give prayer cards to the staff members, which they can return if they would like a prayer partner.

Iglesia de San Juan

Stephen Haynsworth reported that the Rev. Mercedes Julian is holding two services on Edisto Island a month, while continuing to hold a service every Sunday at St. John's. Iglesia de San Juan members raised approximately \$1,000 for children to attend Camp St. Christopher this summer, but were too late to get the children enrolled. They took the children to James Island County Park where they had a wonderful time. Stephen felt the car wash was an important event in that the members of Iglesia de San Juan raised the funds themselves.

Stephen also reported that they are holding computer classes two times a week. They now have seven computers. They are considering offering Sunday School classes as well.

Que 'N' Blue

Perry Jameson announced that the next meeting for Que 'N' Blue will be on August 22, 2009. Perry said tickets will be \$10 each, and children under 5-years may attend free. Ticket sales will begin on Sunday, September 13. Libby Puckette encouraged people to write testimonies of their faith to be printed in a booklet which will be distributed at Que 'N' Blue.

Vacation Bible School

Fr. Joe Gibbes reported that Vacation Bible School was a great success. 112 children attended, and there were close to 100 volunteers. The Hoe-Down was attended by approximately 200 people. Joe said VBS was well-organized and joyful, and it was felt that extra touches such as the hospitality room made a difference. He noted that a mother of four drove by on the first day, saw the sign for Vacation Bible School, and stopped and enrolled the three eligible children on the spot. She has since been at church and attended other activities at St. John's.

Fr. Greg asked the Vestry to thank Amy Gibbes and Danyelle Blich for the wonderful job they did in organizing this event.

2010 Budget

Jerry Houston distributed 2010 Budget Request Forms to the Vestry members, who are to pass them on to the appropriate committee chairmen. The forms are due back on September 8, 2009. Jerry stated that in order to give the Vestry ample time to consider it, he hopes to have a proposed budget to them by October. They will vote on the budget in December.

Senior Warden's Report

Perry Gervais said that prayer team members are needed for Upper Room Prayers. Lynn Gervais is the coordinator of this group and should be contacted by anyone willing to help with this important ministry. Volunteers are needed.

Perry reported that the power bill for Holy Trinity was \$1,058.47 this month. This is the third payment St. John's has made for Holy Trinity.

Perry asked the Vestry to pray as often as possible for the Bishop and the clergy on August 13 while they are meeting. He encouraged every to pray during that meeting. He noted that powerful prayers were offered up during the Standing Committee meeting. There will be prayer at St. James beginning at 7:00 pm and continuing until 7:00 am Thursday.

Junior Warden's Report

Boyd Baker reported that installation of the replacement fire-safe doors should be completed this week, and painting of the doors will begin.

Boyd said he has been pricing long tables to replace the old ones in the Parish Life Building. Claudia Boyce asked if the old tables can be donated to other churches. She and Boyd will discuss that possibility.

Bubba Jenkins said the Storage Task Force has not yet met.

Associate Rector's Report

Fr. Joe Gibbes said he had a great week as Chaplain at Camp St. Christopher. Joe noted that it was wonderful to see so many of the St. John's youth at camp, and feels God blesses St. John's.

Joe reported that if there is a special Diocesan Convention, most likely it will be held on the weekend for which the Men's Hike is scheduled. In that event, the hike will be changed to the first weekend in October.

The Young Adults group is meeting weekly. They do not want the group to be a "singles" only group, and are trying to involve young married couples as well.

The Program Staff will meet next week. Joe would like to be **support** for someone who would like to lead a Dave Ramsey program.

Rector's Report

Fr. Greg Snyder reviewed the important dates listed on the agenda. He said he will report on the clergy day with the Bishop after the 10:30 service on Sunday.

Fr. Greg talked about the General Convention, and read some statistics on The Episcopal Church and where the focus of their budget is. They have cut funding for Missions, Evangelism, Stewardship, and Christian Education. He echoed Perry's request that the Vestry be prayerful on Thursday during the clergy meeting with the Bishop.

Fr. Greg distributed a handout which he said is "homework" for the Vestry. He asked the Vestry to do a "Listening Project" for August by going to a public place and trying to see what God sees. He asked the

Vestry to listen and watch, and if so moved, ask someone how the Vestry member could ask God to bless him/her. Fr. Greg requested that their experiences be emailed to him.

Fr. Greg would like to see St. John's be a major presence at events as we are at the Feeding of the Multitude and the Blessing of the Vine. He would like us to find ways to *love* the community. He stated that we still have work to do in this community.

Other Business

Stephen Haynsworth distributed hurricane preparedness guides published by Charleston County.

Fr. Joe Gibbes closed the meeting with prayer.