

ST. JOHN'S PARISH
VESTRY MINUTES
February 10, 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, Adair McKoy, and Libby Puckette. Others attending were The Rev. Dr. Greg Snyder, The Rev. Joe Gibbes, Treasurer John Blich, and Recording Secretary Melanie Poston

Fr. Greg Snyder opened with prayer and a meditation on Exodus 18:13.

The Vestry continued with the reading of the Vision statement.

The minutes for the January Vestry meeting were passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Vestry Retreat

Fr. Greg Snyder reviewed the packet of materials for the upcoming Vestry Retreat (February 13-14 in the Parish Life Building. He went over the activities scheduled for the weekend.

Past Treasurer

Perry Gervais would like to recognize Cindy Pennington for her three years of service to St. John's as Treasurer. He asked for suggestions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Iglesia de San Juan

Stephen Haynsworth met with the Rev. Mercedes Julian and other members of Iglesia de San Juan last week. He reported Mercedes needs support and wants clear guidance and goals. She needs encouragement and Stephen asked for prayer on how to help Mercedes.

Parish Structure

Perry Gervais reviewed the Parish Structure/Committee Worksheet. He point out that worksheets need to be updated. He asked Vestry members to contact their committee chairmen.

CERT Update

Stephen Haynsworth reported that Community Emergency Relief Training was completed. Fr. Joe Gibbes commented that he would like to see the 11 participants grow that ministry.

275th Anniversary

The Lenten Series will focus on “The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe” by C.S. Lewis. The kick-off for the Lenten Series will be on February 21st at 5:00 pm at the Gervais, Edgerton, Miller property. The regular series classes will begin on Friday, February 27th at 6:00 pm.

Fr. Greg reminded everyone that on February 22nd, the 8:00 am and 10:30 am (church) services will be from the 1789 Prayer Book. The Rev. Callie Perkins will be the preacher.

Investment Committee

Perry Gervais suggested Ron Boyce, Michael Johnson, and Dr. Elliott Puckette as members of the Investment Committee. Investments should be reviewed at least quarterly, and reported on to the Vestry. John Blitch commented on the importance of the Vestry staying informed of the church’s investments. Perry Gervais pointed out the importance of completing the committee worksheets, so there is a record of procedures. John will have reports on the investments for the Vestry Retreat. Perry Gervais made a motion to accept Ron Boyce, Michael Johnson, and Elliott Puckette as members of the Investment Committee. Billy Crowther seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

275th Anniversary

Fr. Greg reported that Tom Gopsill will commission a minted coin, commemorating the 275th Anniversary of St. John’s Parish. The coin will feature a likeness of the first St. John’s church on one side, and a likeness of the present structure on the opposite side. The coins will sell for \$39.95 each and must be pre-ordered. Proceeds will go to the Feeding of the Multitude. Boyd Baker made a motion to approve the minting of the coin. Neal Edgerton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Creative Learning

Fr. Joe Gibbes reported that the lease for Creative Learning Preschool, which was a 9-month lease, renewable at 6 months, is now at the 6-month mark. He mentioned that Walt Miller, Director of Faith Formation, leads chapel for the preschool weekly. Fr. Greg commented that he sees the preschool almost as an outreach. Libby Puckette sees the preschool as a huge blessing. Fr. Joe said that Sarah Hocutt, director of the preschool, is growing in her own faith, and wants to move the preschool toward a Christian-based program. Neal Edgerton made a motion to renew the lease. Dannie Barteet and Jerry Houston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Vestry and Rector’s Responsibilities for Campus Use

Fr. Greg reviewed the respective responsibilities of the Rector and the Vestry in the use of the parish facilities. The Vestry Handbook of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina states that the Rector has the control and responsibility for the use of the parish facilities. The Rector is responsible for the worship, music, education, and spiritual welfare of the congregation. The Vestry has the final responsibility for the fiscal well being of the parish property, and must see that the facilities are maintained and that all bills are paid.

Senior Warden's Report

Perry Gervais reviewed the updated Parish Structure, and asked that committee updates be given to Melanie Poston.

Junior Warden's Report

Boyd Baker stressed the importance of locking all buildings, paying particular attention to the Parish Life Building. On Sundays, the Vestry Person of the Day should check that all buildings are locked.

Neal Edgerton thanked Adair McKoy and his family for their work in the cemetery.

Associate Rector's Report

Fr. Joe Gibbes reminded everyone that the Skeet Shoot will be on February 28th at Ravenswood.

The Men's Hike and King's Hike will be April 16 - 19. Billy Crowther and Perry Jameson are coordinating the logistics of the hike.

Fr. Joe will lead the Bible teachings at Epic, March 20 – 22 at Camp St. Christopher.

Fr. Joe reported that the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace course is going very well.

Rector's Report

Fr. Greg Snyder reported on the upcoming events:

Bishop Neufville, retired bishop of Liberia, will be the preacher at the 8:00 am and 10:30 am (church) services on Sunday, February 15th.

The Rev. Callie Perkins will preach at the 8:00 am and 10:30 am (church) services on February 22nd.

The Diocesan Convention is March 12 - 13.

On Saturday, March 14th, we will hold a fundraiser/informational breakfast for Trinity School for Ministry at 9:00 am in the Parish Life Building.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 5th.

Charles Jenkins will graduate from seminary school on May 16th.

Treasurer's Report

John Blich reported that the Seminarian Fund will run short and money needs to be raised.

John also made the Vestry aware that no money was budgeted in 2009 for nursery care for bible study groups. The Vestry suspended discussion on the nursery care situation until the Vestry Retreat.

Other Business

Libby Puckette said she and Karen Tetrev would like to organize a yard sale. People who donate items will sell their own items, and agree to donate 10% back to the church.

Fr. Joe closed with prayer.