

ST. JOHN'S PARISH
VESTRY MINUTES
July 14, 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, Treasurer John Blich, Recording Secretary Melanie Poston, Not present: The Rev. Joe Gibbes

Hispanic Ministry at Trinity

Brian Jackson talked to the Vestry about the Bishop Skilton Scholarship for Hispanic Ministry. Fr. Charlie Walton heads the committee. St. John's Parish members Brian Jackson, Sandie Bee and Rosie Bee serve on the committee. The scholarships are for anyone going to work with Hispanics. \$50,000 must be raised to name the scholarship. Brian asked the Vestry to contribute to the scholarship. Neal Edgerton made a motion to give \$10,000 to the Skilton Scholarship for Hispanic Ministry. This money will come from the donation given late last year. Dannie Barteet seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Brian also asked to make announcements at all three services asking parishioners for donations.

Fr. Greg Snyder opened with a prayer.

The Vestry continued with the reading of the Vision statement.

The June meeting minutes were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer John Blich reviewed the revenue and expenses for June.

John announced a \$15,000 donation to the Building fund.

A family gave \$200 to St. John's "for charitable use". Stephen Haynsworth made a motion that the money be used for Outreach/Domestic. Neal Edgerton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Alpha Course

Libby Puckette reported that she talked with Heidi Alexander at St. Michael's about how to start an Alpha program. Libby feels it will be difficult to be ready to start the program in the fall. Libby feels the team needs to attend the Alpha Course at St. Michael's in the fall. Libby plans to attend, along with Heather Harwell, who is a member of the Moms Group Bible Study, and is interested in helping run Alpha Course at St. John's.

Colonnade

Boyd Baker reported that an architect will draw plans for the colonnade for a fee of \$1200. He will try to minimize changes to the previous plan.

Global Teams Ministries

Travis Hines met with Fr. Greg Snyder, Claudia Boyce, and Ethel Amacher. There are 10-12 million Anglicans in Uganda. Travis is hoping for support. His home diocese is Texas, and he is also hoping for

support from South Carolina and Pittsburgh. Travis is taking his wife and four children with him to Uganda. This program will involve Ugandans helping Ugandans. Claudia feels Travis exudes the Holy Spirit. Dannie Barteet made a motion to set aside \$15,000 from the donation given late last year, and give \$5,000 to Travis for the next three years. Perry Gervais seconded the motion. The Vestry went into Executive Session. The motion was suspended pending additional information. A vote will be taken at the August Vestry meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Que-n-Blue

The Que-n-Blue Committee is making plans. The event will be held on October 10th at Irvin Vineyards. Libby Puckette, Danyelle, Blitch, Karen Tetreu, and Perry Jameson are on the committee. 25-30 people will write testimonies and this booklet will be available for people to take as they leave Que-n-Blue. The idea is that if people can relate to these stories, it can help bring them into our church family. The committee is working on ways to reach out to people, and get them to come to our church. The Que-n-Blue budget was discussed. Expenses are being accrued; the jump castle, for example, has been reserved and payment made. Jerry Houston made a motion to set up a line item with \$2,000, to be reimbursed as funds come in. Perry Gervais seconded the motion. The motion was suspended as it was determined that a line item exists, and money will be available as ticket sales come in.

Liturgical Vestments

Fr. Greg Snyder suggested that a line item may be needed in future budgets for liturgical vestments. He also asked for \$1,500 to replace the white chasuble. Claudia Boyce made a motion that \$1,500 be designated for replacing the white chasuble. Bubba Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion was suspended. It was decided that the funds for the chasuble replacement should come from the Worship/Altar Supplies line item.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip

Fr. Greg Snyder reported that the Dominican Republic Mission Trip was a powerful time of ministry. The dedication of La Encarnacion was especially moving, according to Fr. Greg, to realize that St. John's built a church in another country. A legacy of St. John's seems to be to build churches, he said, citing Grace Chapel and Church of Our Savior. Stephen Haynsworth also said the dedication was powerful, and it was wonderful to have the priests with whom they had worked over the years at the dedication. Bishop Skilton led a processional through the community.

Lectionary Schedule for 10:22 and 10:30 Services

Fr. Greg let the Vestry know that the lectionary schedule will be different for the 10:22 and 10:30 services beginning in August. The 10:22 service will be one week behind the regular lectionary schedule. With the 10:22 and 10:30 services running concurrently, Fr. Greg and Fr. Joe do not have the opportunity to hear each others sermons.

10:22 Altar Guild

Dannie Barteet asked about the Altar Guild for the 10:22 service. There have been weeks when the communion vessels were not cleaned after the service. Fr. Greg said an Altar Guild is being formed, and the problem is being addressed.

Cemetery Regulations

Adair McKoy distributed copies of the cemetery regulations and asked the Vestry to familiarize themselves with the regulations. Fr. Greg noted that there is a copy of the regulations in the Vestry notebooks.

Senior Warden's Report

Perry Gervais reported that St. John's has paid the first of three power bills for Holy Trinity, which was \$720.22. St. John's will also pay Holy Trinity's July and August power bills.

Junior Warden's Report

Boyd Baker reported that the fire alarms have been installed in the LaRoche Building at the cost of \$1,869. He said the fire-ready doors and jambs will cost about \$5,000. There will also be a new door with a panic bar to the outside installed in the crib room.

Associate Rector's Report

Fr. Joe Gibbes is on vacation.

Rector's Report

Fr. Greg Snyder reviewed the events at General Convention. He noted that the clergy and the Bishop will meet on August 13 to discuss General Convention.

Fr. Greg closed with prayer.