

ST. JOHN'S PARISH
VESTRY MINUTES
November 5, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Greg Snyder. Vestry members in attendance were: : Junior Warden Boyd Baker, Claudia Boyce, Billy Crowther, Neal Edgerton, Senior Warden Perry Gervais, Stephen Haynsworth, Jerry Houston, Bubba Jenkins, and Libby Puckette. Others attending were The Rev. Dr. Greg Snyder, The Rev. Joe Gibbes, Treasurer John Blitch, Recording Secretary Melanie Poston, Not present: Dannie Barteet, Perry Jameson, Adair McKoy

Fr. Greg Snyder opened the meeting with prayer and a meditation.
The Vestry continued with the reading of the Vision statement.

The October meeting minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Blitch distributed the 2008 Audit Report and reviewed the October financial report.

Alpha Course Group

Libby Puckette reported that the kick-off for ALPHA at St. John's will be Thursday, January 7 from 6:00 - 8:15 pm. The schedule is as follows:

6:00 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Video, then break into small groups

8:15 pm Dismissal

Libby said it is an 11-week course. She has approached people to be committee chairs, and those asked are praying about that calling. Libby feels ALPHA will impact lives in a major way. She attended a conference in Orlando with Heather Harwell where she heard amazing testimonies. Libby is currently attending ALPHA at St. Michael's, along with Stephen Haynsworth and The Rev. Mercedes Julian. Libby asked for prayers and enthusiastic consideration of who the Vestry would like to attend. Fr. Greg announced that the ALPHA Task Force selected Libby to be chairman.

Care and Help of the Needy

Fr. Greg reminded everyone to help get the word out that we have resources to help people in need.

Stewardship

Fr. Greg gave the current pledge total for 2010, which is 94 pledges totalling \$453,603.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Iglesia de San Juan

Stephen Haynsworth reported that the 10-year anniversary of Iglesia de San Juan was a great success – the attendance was large, and they hope to continue to build up attendance at regular services.

Missions Board

The Missions Board is responsible to help with missions outside of the church. Michele Bryan, Walt Miller, Thom and Cindy Pennington, and Deacon Fred Thompson will serve on the Missions Board.

Dominican Republic

Stephen Haynsworth reported that La Encarnacion is well-established now, and it may be time to move to another parish which now needs us.

Alex Baker/Youth with A Mission Fundraiser

Claudia reminded the Vestry of the fundraiser on December 4 for Alex Baker. Alex is participating in Youth With A Mission (YAM) and will go to England for three months to participate in Discipleship Training School.

She also informed the Vestry of Cheryl Haynsworth's plans to travel to Nicaragua to do mission work in the spring.

Claudia updated the Vestry on the the commitment to repair the home on Wadmalaw.

Two more teachers at Haut Gap School have asked to be prayer partners.

Lindsay Jackson is heading the Walk for Life for the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center on November 7, 2009.

Ethel Amacher is once again heading the Angel Tree project.

Perry Gervais proposed a fundraiser (possibly a game night) for Julia Carter who is going on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. After discussion, Jerry Houston made a motion to approve a fundraiser night for Julia Carter, with the date to be determined later. Neal Edgerton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Vestry Nomination Form and Relational Covenant

The Vestry Nomination Form and Relational Covenant were reviewed. After discussion, the Vestry made a unanimous decision to remove the signature line on the nomination form, but to keep all other requirement information as printed.

Colonnade

Boyd Baker reported that the plans for the Colonnade have not yet been submitted to him.

Senior Warden's Report

Perry Gervais informed the Vestry that the pledge of Diocesan Support for 2010 is due to the Diocese by December 15, 2009.

Junior Warden's Report

Boyd Baker noted that we have eight new rectangular tables in the Parish Life Building. He also informed the Vestry that a large tree at the Rectory has died and needs to be removed.

Associate Rector's Report

Fr. Joe Gibbes spent a wonderful three days with his mentor, Peter Moore, and six young clergy. He said the experience was incredibly renewing and they will form covenant groups.

Fr. Joe is interested in having men from other dioceses participate in the Men's Hike.

Rector's Report

Fr. Greg Snyder recommended all read "Around One Table - Exploring Episcopal Identity" which was put out by the Episcopal Church. He said some parts are encouraging, and some are discouraging.

A reception for newcomers will be held at the Rectory tomorrow, November 6. Seven newcomers will attend.

Fr. Greg reviewed other upcoming important dates:

November 14 - Blessing of the Vine at Irvin Vineyards

January 7 - ALPHA kickoff

April 8-11 - New Wineskins Conference

A chance to listen to missionaries from all over the world tell of their experiences.

Three nights in the mountains of NC - \$225

Vestry Retreat - February 5-7, 2010

Other

Libby Puckette told the Vestry that Catherine Puckette is a quilt maker and would like to raffle a quilt to make money for St. Christopher Conference Center. Libby made a motion to approve the raffle of a quilt to benefit St. Christopher Conference Center. Neal Edgerton and Stephen Haynsworth seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Fr. Joe Gibbes closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Poston
Recording Secretary