

St. James Church Vestry Meeting Minutes - February 16, 2011

Present: P. Carter, G. Gallant, J. Mitchell, T. Nyatsambo, J. Pearson, B. Salome, G. Wells-Kay

Absent: G. Carpenter, D, Faulkner, J. Holt, F. Rivers

Motion made by Jeff Pearson to accept minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Patty Carter. All were in favor.

The Annual Meeting Minutes will be looked at during the March meeting and a motion will be made to approve them at that time.

Gloria presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Jeff Pearson to accept the report, the motion was seconded by Ginger Wells-Kay. All were in favor.

There was discussion about possibly having a report quarterly that would compare Last Year actual budget numbers to This Year numbers.

There was not an official Warden's report since George Carpenter is away. Jeff mentioned that there have been no major problems. Ice/snow removal from roof, some lightbulbs changed, also we received the rent from the rectory.

Website – Ginger Wells-Kay reported that there have been changes to the Website and there are more to come. Rob Holt will attend our March meeting to preview the new site that he is creating.

Membership – Tobias wants to be sure that we are welcoming people that are coming back.

The membership/Attendance report needs to be signed and verified before the Audit. Gloria, Tobias, and Jeff will take care of that and get it signed.

Sign – Ginger researched the pricing for a new sign for the front that would allow us to put messages on with changeable lettering. Also signs for Entrance and Exit to the parking lot. Total cost approximately \$2400.

Celebration of New Ministry – Jeff thanked Tobias for all he has done since he started. Everyone enjoyed the celebration.

New Vestry Members – John Dickinson has offered to take the 1yr term that is vacant due to Jessie Fleck leaving. Bob Salome made a motion that we approve John taking that vestry position. Jennifer Mitchell seconded the motion. All were in favor. Jeff said that he would contact John.

Patty Carter mentioned that Marie Tallmadge may be a possible candidate for the 3yr opening on the vestry. Jeff Pearson will ask her if she is interested.

There was discussion regarding St. James Nursery School and the upcoming auditing of the books. Some changes may need to be made to their bookkeeping practices, as a result of the audit.

Tobias shared that we have an anonymous person that would like to eliminate the \$15k deficit in the budget by offering that the church raise \$7500 and that person will match that with a donation of \$7500. We will ask members of the church to help us raise the \$7500 at each service this weekend. Jennifer Mitchell will make a visual presentation for the services.

Tobias with the help of Patty Carter will be starting a mid-week service. This service will be Wednesdays at probably 11:30am and may include soup and bread.

Tobias has been in contact with Dave Dalzell at the Lutheran Church. There will be Combined Ash Wednesday service. Also they are trying to arrange a combined Maundy Thursday Service that would include the Temple B'nai Israel Rabbi so that we may understand the Jewish meaning of this.

Hands Across the Table – Ginger Wells-Kay made a motion that we allow this organization to use our facility. Patty Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor . Gloria abstained. Tobias and Jeff will meet with this organization and offer that they may use our facility for Tuesday night dinners, however Wednesday our facility is not available.

Ginger Wells-Kay will meet with Marcia Presher and convey the goals that the vestry thinks are important. Patty Carter will be the liaison to the dream team.

Tobias shared that the Diocese sent a letter offering to have Charles Lafond Come and help us set up a major fundraiser for the 150th anniversary. We need to think of what kind of Celebration we may want to have for this Anniversary. Everyone was in favor of this.

Gloria shared a letter from the Diocese stating that Becky Forbes will be reducing her schedule to 3 days and preparing to retire in August of 2013. Kathy Menard will be promoted to Finance Officer.

Jeff shared a letter from the Diocese regarding a Vestry Leadership Institute Saturday May 7th 9-3 at Rundlett Middle School in Concord. We can send 5 people at no charge.

Gloria shared that she will be attending the Stewardship Institute at Lake Opechee Inn on March 19th 10-2 . Tobias will also be attending.

Next Meeting March 16th 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Mitchell – Substitute Clerk