

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 2011

Present: Everyone except J. Holt.

Meeting was opened by Rev. Tobias Nyatsambo with "The Prayers of the People".

Thanks were given to the Holts for the organization of the Movie Night on May 14th. The evening went very well.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last meeting were accepted with one correction: D. Faulkner was not scheduled to go. Only five vestry members could attend the Leadership Institute.

Treasurer's Report was given by G. Gallant. The budget appears to be on target. A question was asked as to how much money was being realized from the Book Table in the Parish Hall. Gloria estimated about \$12-14.00. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report; motion was approved.

Maintenance Report was made by the Junior Warden, G. Carpenter.

1). The Vestry was given a tour of the Rectory. Overall the rectory is in fairly good shape. It does need a good cleaning. The Guild has offered to pay for the cleaning; consider using a professional cleaner. Can we do something else with the Rectory? Can we apply for monies from the Diocese to repair it?

2). Hands Across the Table: Need to secure the Sanctuary during the meals. J. Pearson reported that the paper work is almost finished; the Statement of use of the building has been signed. The first meal is scheduled for June 7th. Dot Faulkner said that the volunteer meal went very well. Everything seemed to go well for the volunteers. She asked if the group could use the new sign for advertising each meal; they also asked if they could have an additional freezer in the kitchen (or nearby area)?

There was no problem voiced from the Vestry for these suggestions to be okayed.

3). George C. reported that the lawn needs to be mowed before the Yard Sale on Saturday May 28th. Vestry discussed advertising to our parishioners for help with some of the outside jobs. The maintenance & grounds committee has not met as of now.

4). Leadership Institute Report: Jeff P. reported that the day went well for all those who attended. J. Holt was unable to attend; J. Mitchell went in her place.

Jeff P. passed out copies of the "Vestry Guide". A booklet about Vestries and their duties, etc. When we arrived, we were assigned to small groups, for the discussion of the topics for the day. Only one person from each church vestry was in each group. The four topics were: Section 1: Church Structure and Policy.

Section 2: The Corporate Property.

Section 3: Roles and Relationships.

Section 4: Spiritual Formation.

This was the First Annual Institute for Vestries. Hopefully there will be more Annual Institutes to follow as well as advanced courses and classes.

5). The Church Entrance for the handicapped has been tabled for the gathering of more information.

6). The painting of the Administrator's office has been delayed until more and the healing information and determining exactly what if need for equipment in that area.

7). The "Entrance and Exit" signs for the driveway have arrived and will be put up.

8). Services. Currently there are many different services at St James including the three on Saturday and Sunday, as well as the services at Woodside, at St Frances, and the Healing service in the Parish Hall. There is a need to reduce Rev. Tobias' time. He sends us e-mails weekly; he loves to do "Pastoral work" in our community. We need to decide the future of St James and what our goals for the future are.

The summer services will be changed to Saturday at 5 pm as usual and the Sunday service will be at 9 am as is past summers. This year it will start on June 5th and continue through Labor Day.

9). Church Projects.

A) Child in Kenya: we need to have the children of our church to write letters and send pictures to him.

B) Need to have a master calendar to record all church activities for all members of the church to be able to know what is happening and free times to schedule other activities.

10). Lakes Region Convocation will meet in Tamworth on June 7th. This will include the beginning of the Search for a new Bishop. Everyone is welcome to attend.

11). Bishop Robinson would like to appoint a parliamentarian to serve along side the chancellor and moderator; needs to know parliamentary procedures.

12). Yard Sale. Organized by Rene Mitchell went well. They made about \$200.00. Karin Salome helped at the end to load the left over's for Lakeport Association.

13). Brownie Troop Leader, Sarah LaFlamme has asked if they could meet in our Parish Hall on every other Thursday. Vestry felt that we are in transition at this time and could not honor this request.

14). Alan Hendricks from CVS has asked if they could hold a Flu Shot Clinic in the Parish Hall sometime in September. Because this is a onetime request, the Vestry will honor this request.

Next meeting will be June 15, 2011 in the Parish Hall.

Meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Nyatsambo.

Respectfully submitted by Florence Rivers, Clerk.