VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2011

Present: All were present except for D. Faulkner.

Meeting was started with Rev Tobias asking each person to voice one thing that we have to thank God for at St James, followed with a prayer.

1). Joyce Ringlet joined us from "Hands Across The Table" bringing thanks from her committee for our prayers and support. She also complimented the Youth group for the work that they do for the meals. B. Salome thanked her and will convey to the members of the group. Please see the Beacon for August for more details about the program. J. Pearson thanked Joyce for coming to the meeting.

2). Thanks to J. Mitchell for the minutes of the June 15th meeting. Motion to accept the minutes was made and passed. J. Mitchell will finish the contact with the Brownie troop.

3). Treasurer's Report was given by G. Gallant. At the present time everything is on track. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report and was passed.

4). Grounds and Maintenance Report was given by G. Carpenter.

A). Kitchen Ceiling light was fixed with the help of Warren Mitchell. Apparently there is a leak above on the roof.

B). There was an inquiry about renting the Rectory. When given the price, she felt that it was too expensive.

C). Gayle Sulliven reported that there is mold in the back hallways of the Nursery School. George will check it.

D). Grass is being mowed by volunteers. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for mowing. George will add to it that the church does has the mower and gas to do the job.

E). There will be an open House at the Rectory on Sunday July 24th following the 9am service. This will be announced at the services on the week-end.

F). There was a short discussion about the future of the Rectory.

5). NEW BUSINESS:

A). Future plans – list of priorities for St James was given to the Vestry Members. Allen Gable will tabulate the results.

B). Pastoral visits: Patty Carter is doing well as is Janet Mitchell. A list needs to be developed for persons who have need to get to church, or to go shopping, or go to HATT.

C). Bishop Search Committee: Gloria G. reported that the committee is getting its materials together. Rev. Tobias reported that there were 25 responses to the survey for a new bishop from St. James.

D). G. Wells-Kay felt that the Vestry is handling things at its meeting, but not doing things between meetings. She suggested that we use Action Orientated minutes instead of the way we do minutes now. (Topic – what – when – why – whom). Motion to change to Action Orientated Records for two months, August and September, was made. The motion was carried.

E). J. Holt stated that we do have committees in place. Rev. Tobias added that with the priorities list then we can set up committees for accomplishing these goals. G. Wells-Kay stated that once we have the priorities we should have a workshop/retreat of about 3 hours to set up these committees.

F). July 24th is St James Day. Does everyone know the symbol of the oyster shell? Next year will be the 150th year Celebration for St James Church. B. Salome suggested that the Annual Picnic be on July 24th.

G). Tim Rich will be visiting on August 18th. He will preach on that Sunday and would like to have an informal meeting with the Vestry. He will also tour the Rectory, and possibly go to the Salome's after.

H). Jeff Pearson, Jim Presher and Robert Salome will be Eucharist Ministers and help at the 9am service.

6). Date of the next meeting: Following discussion of several suggestions, motion was made to hold the Vestry meeting on the third Saturday of the month at 3pm. Motion was carried.

7). Meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Florence Rivers, Clerk.