

# VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2011

Present: All were present except for R. Salome.

Prior to the meeting, Rev. Tobias encouraging us to “Dream” as to what we see St. James doing over the next 5 months.

Meeting was opened with a prayer.

## REPORTS:

- A) Secretary’s Report was read and two corrections were made. Motion to accept the minutes with these corrections was made and seconded. Motion was accepted.
- B) Treasurer’s Report was made by G. Gallant. Our financial situation is doing as expected. Motion was made and seconded. Motion was passed.
- C) J. Dickinson read a letter from the Director of the Nursery School, which stated that due to their successful year, they presented a check for \$3000.00 to the Vestry; this is appreciated by the Vestry.
- D) Grounds and Maintenance Report: was given by G. Carpenter.
  - 1) Needs list have been done?
  - 2) Nursery School over the summer has done some painting and decorating in their area (walls and the bathroom). They have reported a problem with the outside walls and under the tiles on floor being wet. G. Carpenter will look into these problems.
  - 3) Rectory – heat is turned off, but the water has not been drained.
  - 4) G. Carpenter is seeing that the Flagstone in the foyer is refinished to bring up the shine.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Letter from the Diocese about disaster readiness. Rev. Tobias & G. Carpenter
- B) Parish Register: There is a need to update the parish list.
- C) HATT program would like to have a fund raiser to add to the number of soup bowls or mugs to our kitchen. Instead J. Mitchell will look into the cost of purchasing new soup bowls. J. Dickinson
- D) Collins Sigu is our new student in Kenya. Please keep him in our thoughts and prayers. J. Mitchell

PRIORITY RANKINGS: List of the most needed changes in the church:

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| 1) Increasing compensation for Rev. Tobias is part of the budget for each Church year. Salary levels are set at the yearly Convention.   | G. Gallant                            |
| 2) Sunday School is being planned. Volunteers are needed.  | Rev. Tobias                           |
| 3) Choir Director: need to determine how much money is available for this person and who is available for this position.   | ????                                  |
| 4) Priority List # 3-5-6-7: Repair/replace the cement stairs and doors at the front and back entries of the church.  | P. Carter, D.Faulkner<br>G. Carpenter |
| 5) Priority List # 19-20-22: What can be done with the Rectory.  | J. Dickinson                          |
| 6) Priority List # 8-10: Electronic needs for the Office and Rector.   | J. and R. Holt                        |
| 7) Priority List #14-17-21: Weekly services. September we return to three services. After some discussion, a motion was made by J. Mitchell as of October 2, 2011 there will be only one service at 10:00 am on Sunday, to be revisited in 6 months; Seconded by J. Holt. Motion was accepted. To be announced at the services today and tomorrow, Sunday August 21st. Vestry present will stand and back up the speaker. Reasons for this move are: 1) Tobias is only part-time, 2) lack of monies to increase Tobias' time at this time; and 3) this will make us one family attending the service instead of three. | Vestry<br>P. Carter<br>J. Pearson     |

Our next meeting will be Saturday September 24, 2011.

Meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Rev. Tobias.

Respectfully submitted by Florence Rivers, Clerk.