

VESTRY MINUTES
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
August 14T, 2008
5:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Fletcher Montgomery, Rector
Mary Moore Roberson, Rector's Associate

Bonnie Montgomery, Administration, Senior Warden
John Boylston, Church Renovation
Hoyt Burnett, Properties
Michael Burkett, Christian Formation-Adults
Nancy Duvall, Newcomers
Les Cotter, Finance
Katie Gibson, Christian Formation-Children
Steve McMillan, Christian Formation-Youth
Anne Miller, Long Ran Nancy Duvall,
Ann Ruderman, Parish Events
Eileen Schell, Pastoral Care
Tuck Williams, Servant Ministry
Faxie Watt, Communications
Russ McCoy, Treasurer
Rodger Stroup, Clerk

Absent:

Lee Rambo, Stewardship, Junior Warden
Beth Blakeslee, Worship

Guests:

Bishop Charles Duvall
Brandon Templeton

The Rector opened the meeting with a scripture reading and a prayer.

The Rector recognized Bishop Duvall, the Bishop's Associate. Bishop Duvall spoke to the Vestry about common issues that frequently hinder stewardship in the Episcopal Church. He identified a number of misconceptions that abound in Episcopal Parishes and offered options that the Vestry could consider to turn potential weaknesses into strengths.

Stewardship: Brandon Templeton reported that the Stewardship Committee has completed its plans for the fall campaign. They are expanding Welcome Back Sunday by developing a ministries opportunity booklet and using show and tell displays. The stewardship speakers will continue through September. Mr. Templeton stressed the importance of participation of Vestry members in as many functions as they can.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. McCoy reported we are coming out of the summer with pledge income behind about \$30,000, which is about typical for this time of the year. The debt reduction campaign has raised enough money to pay an additional \$14,000 on the principal through July.

Clergy Reports: The Rector reported that he had a productive vacation and sabbatical. The Rector's Associate expressed her appreciation for having Father White here while the Rector was gone.

Warden Reports: Mrs. Montgomery reported that plans for the Diocesan Convention are finalized. All members of the Vestry and Committee Chairs are requested to attend the convention events on October 18.

Ministry Team Reports: (printed reports attached)

Church Renovation: Mr. Boylston reported that the committee has draft plans and will be scheduling a meeting to present the plans to the Parish.

Communications: Janine Lewis has agreed to chair the committee.

The Wednesday evening dinner and programs will begin on September 3.:

Old Business:

Mrs. Miller reminded the Vestry that St. John's is hosting the Diocesan Convention at the Columbia Convention Center. She provided copies of the staffing needs that St. John's is responsible for recruiting.

New Business:

The sound system on the ground floor of Heyward Hall was hit by lightning. The properties committee was asked to analyze the problem and present possible solutions. Mr. Williams reported the Beaver Hardy would like to see if St. John's is interested in becoming involved in a mentoring program for prisoners scheduled for release in the next year. Both the Men of St. John's and the Servant Ministries team are exploring this opportunity.

Minutes: Mr. Cotter moved, seconded by Mr. Boylston that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Calendar Items:

August 15-16 – EYC Rafting Trip

August 17 – Blood Drive

September 3 – Wednesday evening programs resume

September 7 – Welcome Back Sunday

September 9 – Committee Chairs Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Rodger E. Stroup
Clerk