

VESTRY MINUTES  
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
January 24, 2009

PRESENT:

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

Lee Rambo, Senior Warden  
Faxie Watt, Junior Warden, Servant Ministry  
John Boylston, Church Renovation  
Jamie LaBorde, Properties  
Michael Burkett, Christian Formation-Adults  
Jason Lockhart, Newcomers  
Les Cotter, Finance  
Katie Gibson, Christian Formation-Children  
Steve McMillan, Christian Formation-Youth  
Anne Miller, Communication,  
Ann Ruderman, Parish Events  
Eileen Schell, Administration  
Ann Gregg, Pastoral Care  
Dana Turner, Stewardship  
Georgianna Wheeler, Worship  
Russ McCoy, Treasurer

**Treasurer's Report**

Russ McCoy provided a Treasurer's report. St. John's will finish the 2008 fiscal year with a preliminary surplus of \$22,682.00. The surplus is a result of a variety of factors, but the overall income flowing into the Church was down. Mr. McCoy believed the timing of the slow down in income coincided with the recession taking firm hold on the national economy by mid-summer 2008.

Mr. McCoy also reported the church made significant changes in its insurance package. By placing bids and doing significant research, the church will realize significant savings in insurance premiums without losing coverage that has been purchased and provided in the past.

Mr. McCoy requested a vote authorizing the contract with Church Insurance Company. Steve McMillan moved to approve the contract. Faxie Watt seconded the motion. Eileen Schell asked if we could get a refund on past premiums, and Mr. McCoy said it was not possible. Rev. Fletcher Montgomery called for a vote, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. McCoy suggested we continue to review all church contracts and study the church's investments and other financial issues with the guidance of the Vestry.

### **Wardens**

The Wardens nominated Michael Burkett as Secretary for 2009. Les Cotter moved to close nominations and vote. Georgianna Wheeler seconded the motion. Mr. Burkett was elected unanimously.

The Wardens nominated Russ McCoy as Treasurer for 2009. Les Cotter moved to close nominations and vote. Georgianna Wheeler seconded the motion. Mr. McCoy was elected unanimously.

Lee Rambo reported she is not officially assigned to a committee. She is available to help with all other committees.

### **Rector**

Rev. Fletcher Montgomery provided his report. Specifically, he updated the Vestry on various pastoral issues ongoing in the Parish.

Staff reviews were conducted in December. Kindness, respect, and teamwork were emphasized as a theme for a staff.

Rev. Montgomery reported a search team is being organized for a new Bishop.

### **Ministry Team Reports** (printed reports attached)

Lee Rambo requested Vestry members follow-up with the Time and Talent Surveys. Specifically, phone calls need to be made to those who completed the volunteer forms.

Faxie Watt reported the unofficial St. John's facebook page has been shut down until the Communications Committee can discuss it.

### **Rector's Associate**

Rev. Mary Moore Roberson reported she requested not to be included as a candidate for the Bishop Nominating Committee, but she is willing to serve on the Transition Committee.

**New Business:**

Mr. McCoy provided a detailed analysis of the proposed 2009 Budget.

Les Cotter moved to approve Budget for 2009 as close as possible to \$0 deficit. Steve McMillan seconded the motion. Following discussion, Mr. Cotter withdrew his motion.

Les Cotter moved to adopt the proposed Budget offered by the Finance Committee which reflects a \$0 deficit due to the difficult financial times facing the country in 2009. Jamie LaBorde seconded the motion. Discussion followed. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Mr. McCoy requested authority to renegotiate the current loan on Heyward Hall. The cost of the renegotiation is approximately \$1600. The fee can be added to the balance of the loan or paid in cash.

Michael Burkett moved to allow Mr. McCoy to renegotiate loan and add the fee to balance of loan. Eileen Schell seconded the motion. Discussion followed. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Michael Burkett moved to postpone hiring Robert Wilshire to conduct feasibility study on the church renovation. Steve McMillan seconded motion. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Anne Miller Moved to approve the December 2008 Minutes. Jason Lockhart Seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Burkett  
Secretary