

St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
March 12, 2009
5:30 p.m.

Present:

J. Fletcher Montgomery, Rector
Mary Moore Roberson, Associate Rector

Senior Warden - Lee Rambo
Junior Warden - Servant Ministry, Faxie Watt
Administration – Eileen Schell
Christian Formation – Adults, Michael Burkett
Christian Formation – Children, Katie Gibson
Christian Formation _ Youth, Steve McMillian
Church Renovation - John Boylston
Communication – Anne Miller
Finance – Les Cotter
Newcomers – Jason Lockhart
Pastoral Care – Anne Gregg
Property Management – Jamie LaBorde
Stewardship – Dana Turner
Worship, Georgianna Wheeler
Treasurer – Russ McCoy
Clerk – Rodger Stroup

Absent:

Parish Events – Ann Ruderman

The Rector opened the meeting with a reading from John's Gospel and a prayer.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Russ McCoy, Les Cotter presented the report. Mr. Cotter reported that pledges and pledge income are up for February as a result of the letters sent to the Parish from Ms. Rambo and Ms. Turner. There is additional projected income of \$20,358 available for use in the 2009 budget. Since January 1st \$8,900 has been received for the building fund. The Finance Ministry team met and presented three options for the additional funds: 1. Keep the funds in reserve for the next several months until the economic situation is clearer; 2. Use 50% of the funds to reduce staff furloughs; 3. Use \$17,500 of the funds to eliminate the furloughs. The consensus of the Vestry was that many individuals increased their pledges to help avoid the furloughs. Mr. Burkett moved that up to \$17,500 be used to eliminate the furloughs for clergy and staff and that the budget be adjusted accordingly. Mr. Lockhart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Clergy Reports

The Rector's Bible Study is underway again. Wednesday evening programs are well attended. He expressed his thanks for Celia and all those who helped make the youth

choir program successful this past Sunday. The Diocesan Leadership Day was successful and the Rector encouraged anyone who did not attend to consider attending an upcoming follow-up in May.

Warden Reports:

Ms. Rambo reported that on March 2nd the chairs of the Ministry Teams and Vestry liaisons met to coordinate their activities. One important point that was discussed concerned insuring that each Ministry Team is developing a leadership succession plan. Ms. Watt reported that St. John's had the largest delegation at the Diocesan Leadership Day. She described the plan to develop a leadership program for training leaders at St. John's.

Ministry Team Reports: (copy attached)

New Business:

Music Scholarship: Ms. Rambo reported that a Music Scholarship fund was established in 1986 to send St. John's youth to choir camp. There is no longer a choir camp offered by the Parish or the Diocese and under the agreement the fund may be dissolved. The Senior Warden is going to gather some additional information and report back to the Vestry in April.

Parochial Report: Mr. Burkett reviewed the Parochial Report that was sent to the Diocese for 2008. Mr. Boylston moved, seconded by Mr. LaBorde that the report be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

April Vestry Meeting: The normal Vestry meeting is scheduled for April 9, Maundy Thursday. The consensus of the Vestry was to move the Vestry meeting to April 2.

The minutes of the February Vestry meeting were approved as amended.

Calendar Items:

March 13-14 – EYC Lock-in

March 27-28 – Women's retreat

April 5 – Palm Sunday

April 9 – Maundy Thursday

April 10 – Good Friday

April 11 – Easter Vigil

April 12 – Easter Sunday

April 26 – Bishop's Visitation

Respectfully submitted,

Rodger E. Stroup
Clerk