

VESTRY MINUTES  
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
October 9, 2008  
5:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Fletcher Montgomery, Rector

Bonnie Montgomery, Administration, Senior Warden

Lee Rambo, Stewardship, Junior Warden

Beth Blakeslee, Worship

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 Range Plan

Nancy Duvall, Newcomers

Ann Ruderman, Parish Events

Eileen Schell, Pastoral Care

Tuck Williams, Servant Ministry

Russ McCoy, Treasurer

Rodger Stroup, Clerk

Absent:

Mary Moore Roberson, Rector's Associate

Faxie Watt, Communications

The Rector opened the meeting with a reading from Matthew and a prayer.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr. McCoy commented that there is nothing unusual in the monthly financial report that he needs to call to the Vestry's attention. He anticipates that we will finish this year with a balanced budget. So far this year we have received an additional \$42,000 toward the Heyward Hall debt. The current national financial quandary will have an impact on our investments and on next year's budget. Mr. Burkett presented a request from the Women's Retreat Committee to allow one Sunday's loose offering to help defray the cost of registration for attendees. The consensus of the Vestry was not to approve this request.

**Clergy Reports:** The Rector reported that his Diocesan commitments would be decreasing in two weeks after the Diocesan Convention when he steps down as chair of the Diocesan Executive Committee. He is busy with a wide range of issues as the fall season swings into full gear. The annual meeting is December 7. The date for the Vestry retreat is January 23-24.

**Warden Reports:** The outgoing Vestry is working on a list of Vestry nominees to present at the Annual Meeting.

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

Newcomers: The next newcomers' reception is October 21 in the Barr Center Dining Room.

**Old Business:** Ms. Miller reported that everything for the Diocesan Convention is in place.

**New Business:**

Annual Reports: Mr. Burkett requested that information for the annual report is due on November 7.

Finance: Ms. Montgomery moved that the Vestry ask the Finance Ministry team to review all non-employment related contracts in excess of \$1,000 to insure that we are getting the best possible deal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cotter and passed unanimously.

Minutes: Ms. Rambo moved, seconded by Mr. Burkett that the minutes of the September meeting be approved as amended.

Calendar Items:

October 17-18 – Convention

October 23 – ECW Fall Fundraiser

October 30 – Gloria Dei Cantores Concert

November 7 – Fall Fling, Seibels House

Respectfully submitted

Rodger E. Stroup  
Clerk