



# Saint James Episcopal Church

## VESTRY MINUTES

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010

*Members present* =  
Barbara Busch  
Mike Cogsdale  
Charlene Clark  
Doris Conn

Jim Evert  
James Hogan  
Betty Purcell  
Patrick White  
Susan Rowe

Ray Williams  
Clerk: Linda Alexander  
Members Absent:  
Bill McKinney

The meeting convened at 7pm with Fr. Mike saying a prayer and leading the vestry in the reading of the vestry covenant.

<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved without any further changes.
<b>Finance Report</b> Susan Rowe	Susan reported that the expenses were all in line with the budget but that the income was behind. She would be keeping a close eye on the income week to week for the next month.
<b>Budget Report</b> Susan Rowe	<p>Susan reported that the finance committee had been discussing the possibility of introducing tithing to the parish. The finance committee feels that if the parish tithed then there would not be a problem meeting the budget. After the vestry discussed the idea they decided that a letter from the finance committee would be sent to the parish after the vestry had a chance to look it over and approve it.</p> <p>“James brought up the subject of Resolution #5 from the WNC Diocesan convention. Resolution #5: “Resolved, that the 89<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of WNC again ask each parish to embrace the goal of giving at least 10% of its parish Normal Operating Income (Line A, page 3 of the Parochial Report) by 2014 in support of Diocesan ministries. Be it further resolved that, cognizant of the current economic situation and the impact of the economy on giving at the parish level, and mindful of our goal stated in our visioning process that every parish give at least 10% by 2014, the vestries of parishes giving below the 10% level have an intentional conversation and develop a plan for reaching that range by 2014. Be it further revolved, that parishes giving at or above the 10% level, who are in a position to do so, continue to give at this level, and if possible, to increase their level of giving in support of Diocesan ministries in recognition of the fact that not all congregations are at the same position of strength in their giving. We charge delegates to carry this message</p>

	<p>back to their congregations.”</p> <p>He noted that he had mentioned this Resolution in his address to the Congregation at the 10:30 service on Sunday, Nov. 14. He asked the Vestry to be mindful of this resolution to be at a pledge of 10% of our operating budget by 2014. In the 2010 budget, St. James pledged about 5.6% of our operating budget to the diocese. We noted that previous Vestries have committed to increasing the diocesan pledge by 1% annually, until the 10% level is reached. James pointed out that increasing by 1% per year will not get us to 10% by 2014. Further, James pointed out that although we are discussing pledging \$14,555 to the diocese, a \$55 increase from 2010, this amount represents a 1% increase only because our overall operating budget decreased, and not because the actual pledge amount increased. James suggested that if we increased the diocesan pledge to \$16,000 for 2011, we could be on track to hit the 10% mark with 1% increases in 2012, 2013, and 2014. Patrick White preferred to stick with a 1% increase per year. After further discussion, Ray moved to leave the diocesan pledge at \$14,555, which is 6.5% of our operating budget in 2009, and then increase the diocesan pledge by 1.25% to 7.75% of the operating budget in 2012, increase by 1.25% to 9.0% in 2013, and then by 1.0% to 10.0% in 2014. James seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.”</p>
<p><b>Endowment Fund Quarterly Report</b> James Hogan</p>	<p>James reported that the earnings for the previous quarter totaled \$16,390. The ending value on 10/6/10 is \$287,519. James reminded the vestry that the fund is less than 2 years old and that it was really just getting started.</p>
<p><b>Senior Warden Report</b> Barbara Busch</p>	<p>Barbara reported that the quitclaim deed issue for Mary’s Grove is now on Martha Cartee’s desk. Martha will be following up with any further issues.</p> <p>Barbara reported that 4 vestry nomination forms have been completed. The prospective members are Larry Bailey, Pat Conn, Jim Crawford and Rebecca Sime.</p> <p>Barbara reported on the Safeguarding God’s people and the 2 videos that are available.</p> <p>She also reported on her meeting with Bishop Taylor and that no requirements for St. James came out of that meeting.</p> <p>Barbara reported on the Anglican Covenant Study. Advent or Lent, either this year or next are suggested times for parish conversations and discussion on the proposed covenant or at another time before General Convention of 2012. Any comments from the parish must be submitted by April 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2011 in order for the comments to make it into the General Convention book in 2012.</p> <p>Barbara reported on the mutual ministry review that is an annual process where an outside person guides the process. Gray Temple was suggested as the guide person. The review could be done at the annual retreat and</p>

	should be done by February. Barbara Busch and Fr. Mike will name the 2-person committee.
<b>Communications Committee</b> Doris Conn	Doris reported that the St. James communication committee would not be publicizing any information that had not been specifically requested by a parishioner. Linda will be contacting Joel about updating the St. James website to link to the new St. James Parish News website and the new Christian Education and Faith Formation website.
James Hogan	James Hogan told the vestry how much he appreciated being appointed to the Diocesan convention. He had a lot of fun.
Charlene Clark	Charlene reminded the vestry of upcoming events and their dates. The women's Christmas luncheon will be held on December 11 <sup>th</sup> . The Room at the Table will also be held on December 11 <sup>th</sup> at which John Wright's group will be providing musical entertainment. The annual parish meeting will be held on December 12 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Trespassing &amp; Skateboarding</b> Ray Williams	Ray Williams reported on the issue of the trespassing skateboarders. Ray said that the city "no skateboarding" ordinances do apply. This can be enforced by simply telling the skateboarders to leave and filing a complaint with the police or by putting up a "No Skateboarding" sign. On a second offense the police can step in. On the trespassing issuing we could help enforce the State No Trespassing statutes by putting up signs and by have a signed agreement with the police. Ray proposed that the vestry sign the agreement. Barbara Busch suggested postponing any agreement if we are not currently having a problem.
<b>December Vestry Meeting</b>	The next vestry meeting is set for December 7 <sup>th</sup> .

There being no further business, Fr. Cogsdale concluded the meeting with all vestry members saying the Lord's Prayer and the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Alexander, Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_