



# *Saint James Episcopal Church*

## VESTRY MINUTES

August 16, 2011

*Members present:*  
Fr. Mike Cogsdale  
Larry Bailey  
Jim Evert  
James Hogan

Betty Purcell  
Susan Rowe  
Patrick White  
Ray Williams  
Clerk: Vince Crist

*Members Absent:*  
Jim Crawford  
Bill McKinney  
Rebecca Sime

The August vestry meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. Mike.  
The vestry covenant was then read aloud by the vestry.

<b>Vestry Minutes</b>	A motion was made by Ray Williams to approve the minutes from July. There was no second, but the minutes were approved by general consent.
<b>Finance</b> Susan Rowe	Susan reported that pledge payments through July were down by \$22,000, and asked that a notice be placed in the bulletin to inform the parish. The expenses are being held under budget.
<b>Senior Warden Report</b> Susan Rowe	Susan reported that we are looking for new ideas for the Stewardship Campaign. Funds given for the extra positions in Christian Education have been used, and we will need to raise an additional \$30,000-40,000 to compensate. She also reported that the top 4 of the total 66 pledging units represent about \$80,000. Not taking those top 4 into consideration, the average of the remaining units is \$2400. The national average is \$2500.
<b>Junior Warden Report</b> Larry Bailey	Larry reported the following items: 1) Three bids have been received for replacement windows. 2) Three bathroom faucets have been replaced, since those with timers were not working and no replacements are available. 3) The carpets were cleaned at a cost of \$350. 4) Light bulbs in the sanctuary have been replaced and additional bulbs ordered. 5) He reminded the Vestry on Duty persons to check the lights and running water and to be sure all doors are locked.
<b>Rector's Report</b> Fr. Mike Cogsdale	Fr. Mike reported the following items: 1) The coffee table book is still alive. There is a possibility that one person will agree to chair the project. 2) Confirmation classes will begin Sept 11 and run through Feb 5 – a total of 19 classes. Letters were sent to 26 possible candidates. There are three possibilities for the Bishop's visitation – Feb 19, Mar 4, and Mar 11.
<b>Sanctuary Floor</b> James Hogan	James reported having noticed that the center pews on the right side of the nave appear to be leaning toward the aisle. He recommended that we ask a contractor to look at the problem.
<b>Pet Cremains Area</b>	Ray proposed that the landscaped area to the right of the rear doors to the

Ray Williams	Hogan Room be designated for the interment of pet cremains. The vestry supported the idea, but asked for additional information before entertaining a motion. Fr. Mike recommended that a visit be made to Grace in the Mountains in Waynesville to look at their area.
<b>Final Thoughts</b>	<p>Betty Purcell reported the following items. 1) CARE will be sponsoring a Habitat Building Blitz for three Saturdays in September – 10, 17, and 23. 2) The Daughters of the King are sponsoring a trip to the University of the South to view the Oertel art collection there. The trip is scheduled for September 14-16, and there are still a few places available. 3) Hands &amp; Hearts are planning to produce a pictorial directory for St. James. More information will be coming soon.</p> <p>The next vestry meeting will be on September 20 at 7:00 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Crist, Clerk of the Vestry

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