



Saint James Episcopal Church

VESTRY MINUTES

July 19, 2011

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

Betty Purcell
Susan Rowe
Rebecca Sime
Ray Williams
Clerk: Vince Crist

Members Absent:
Jim Evert
Bill McKinney
Patrick White

The July 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.

Vestry Minutes	The vestry minutes from May were approved by general consent. The minutes from June were approved, with one correction to the public minutes and one addition to the minutes from the Executive Session.
Finance Susan Rowe	Susan reported that the budget was off by about \$11,000. The pledge payments through May were down by \$14,000 which is not unusual. The expenses are being held under budget. She expects that this will balance out by the end of the year. Susan also reported that we expect to receive a sales tax refund of \$4453.49 She made a motion that this money go toward the Children's and Youth Ministry. Ray Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed. Susan read a report from the Endowment Board to the vestry. The report, written by Emerson Dickey, indicated that we now have \$299,538 in the fund, after transferring \$11,500 to the operating funds of St. James.
Senior Warden Report Susan Rowe	Susan reported that the Mutual Ministry Review Committee will meet in a couple of weeks to analyze the data from the recent parish meetings.
Junior Warden Report Larry Bailey	Larry Bailey reported the following items: 1) The roof was completed, but the roofers were called back to fix a leak. 2) The Sexton has been replaced by a cleaning service. 3) Parsons Carpet Cleaning submitted a bid of \$400 to clean all carpets. This figure seemed high, since the previous cost was \$140. Rebecca Sime offered the name of another cleaner, and the vestry agreed to wait for their bid before making a decision. 4) Herron Electric came to survey the lighting and will give us a plan for federal funding to recoup the expense. 5) Larry proposed the idea of sectioning off the yard for members of the church to take a section and maintain it. 6) Since the price of copper is high, we are considering recycling the copper gutters and replacing them with aluminum.
Rector's Report Fr. Mike Cogsdale	Fr. Mike reported the following items: 1) The cleaning service appears to be doing a good job, and no problems are anticipated. They have signed a one-

	<p>year contract for 20 hours per week. 2) The Children's Ministries are being led for the summer by Maggie Martin and Rebecca Sime. 3) The Homeless Shelter was open for 51 days and served 10 people. A new building is being considered which will provide better accommodations. 4) During Fr. Mike's tenure at St. James, 38 people have been presented for confirmation. Currently, another 38 people are possible candidates. 5) The Adult Forum Planning Committee is considering a return to a study of the basic beliefs of Christianity and the Episcopal Church. 6) Vacation Bible School, which will take place in a one-day session on July 23, has been well organized by Lorie Herman. 7) The American Red Cross would like to hold a blood drive at St. James. No motion was made, but there was general consensus that we should proceed with the plans.</p>
<p>Coffee table book Susan Rowe</p>	<p>Susan reported that we might have more information in a couple of weeks.</p>
<p>CARE Committee Betty Purcell</p>	<p>The CARE Committee used funds that were a gift from former St. James parishioner Sina McGimpsey Reid for providing scholarships for a total of 21 children in Caldwell County in July. These kids were a part of two week-long Summer Fun Camps sponsored by the Lenoir Parks and Recreation Department. One week the camp was held at the Martin Luther King Center and the second week was held at the Mulberry Recreation Center.</p> <p>CARE will also be sponsoring a Habitat Building Blitz for three Saturdays in September. This project will be in partnership with St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Lenoir.</p>
<p>Final thoughts</p>	<p>Rebecca Sime requested better lighting in the Sacristy. She also reported that Barbara Busch would host the 3rd-Sunday Luncheon in August in Rebecca's absence.</p> <p>The next vestry meeting will be on August 16 at 7:00 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Crist, Clerk of the Vestry

Approved: _____ Date: _____