



Saint James Episcopal Church

VESTRY MINUTES

March 15th, 2011

Members present =
 Larry Bailey
 Fr. Mike Cogsdale
 Jim Crawford
 Jim Evert

Bill McKinney
 Betty Purcell
 Rebecca Sime
 Susan Rowe
 Ray Williams
 Clerk: Linda Alexander

Members Absent:
 James Hogan
 Patrick White

The March vestry meeting convened with a hymn reading and prayer led by Fr. Mike.
 The vestry covenant was then read aloud by the vestry.

Vestry Minutes	The minutes for the previous months meeting had not been properly reviewed. Linda will send the most recent updated version to the vestry and the minutes will be approved at the next vestry meeting.
Finance Jim Evert	Jim Evert reported that the consolidated financial statement for Jan-Feb 2011 showed that the total actual pledge payments were right on target and that the total budgeted pledge payments were very close to the actual numbers. Jim said everything was looking good right now. Susan Rowe reported that expenses were down in most categories for February compared to the budget.
CARE Jennie Deal	<p>Jennie Deal presented and reported on the 2011 CARE budget. Jennie reported that CARE had decided to spend their designated money this year. The designated subcommittee was charged with “what to do with the money?”</p> <p>Some of the money would be used for a Habitat Blitz Build and some would go to Melissa’s discretionary fund.</p> <p>The Ed McGimpsey money, which is controlled by Sina Reid, will also be used this year but the details are still yet to be determined.</p> <p>Jennie asked for the vestry’s blessing on the CARE budget. Betty Purcell wanted to recognize Jennie for doing such a wonderful job with the CARE committee. Susan Rowe made a motion to accept the CARE budget as written. Bill McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p>
Mutual Ministry Review Fr. Mike Cogsdale	Fr. Mike reported on the Mutual Ministry Review informing the vestry of the letter written by Susan Rowe which was emailed and hard copies sent to the active parishioners that had not attended the previous

	<p>meetings. Gray Temple might come back in April to get a sense of the accuracy and consensus. On March 27th, during the Adult Forum time, Fr. Mike might give a preliminary quick read on the data to the parish.</p>
<p>Holy Week Fr. Mike</p>	<p>Fr. Mike informed the vestry that the Palm Sunday blessing would take place in the Memorial Garden.</p> <p>The Easter vigil would take place at 6am this year. Fr. Mike will preach at the 6am service and Melissa will preach at the 10:30 service. The second half of the early service will be in the Memorial Garden.</p> <p>This year St. James will not be doing a Taize service. Vince Crist wanted to do an Evensong and that will be held on April 3rd.</p>
	<p>Fr. Mike informed the vestry that St. James will have a guest speaker during the Sunday, March 27th service. Ian Williamson from Kanuga will be the guest speaker.</p> <p>Emily Johnson's last day at St. James will be May 1st, 2011.</p> <p>The shelter and volunteers had committed to 50 days of service and the 50th day is 1 day after the first day of spring. There have been 35-40 volunteers.</p> <p>The Rev. Larry Britt had 2 stints put in for his heart last week and was reported to be doing well and in good spirits.</p>
<p>Coffee Table Book</p>	<p>Fr. Mike informed the vestry that he had talked to Mac McRee and he had informed Fr. Mike that the coffee table book will be about 169 pages and that he was consulting with people in China and North Carolina on evaluating the cost of the book.</p>
<p>Final Thoughts</p>	<p>Rebecca Sime reported that the Lenten soup suppers are all lined up with food, etc. from all our good cooks at St. James.</p> <p>Larry Bailey reported that the Episcopal Safety program visit will take place on March 22nd at 10:00 a.m. in the buildings of St. James.</p> <p>Larry also reported that the copper gutters will be replaced and recycled in Hickory. Leaks continue in various places within the buildings.</p> <p>St. James does not currently have a contract for the elevator should it need service. Larry is speaking to a man in Hickory that will give pricing on an hourly basis should the elevator need service.</p> <p>John Wright thought he was ready to return to work following his surgery and discovered that he was not ready yet as his blood pressure keeps fluctuating. Larry Bailey and Charlene Clark are picking up the work that John is unable to perform.</p> <p>Ray Williams reported that the sump pump and multiple lights are working again. The lights and pump were on the same circuit breaker.</p> <p>Bill McKinney reported that he is working with James Hogan about a year long stewardship program.</p> <p>Larry Bailey reported that the pancake supper was an amazing success.</p> <p>Rebecca Sime reported that a good time was had by all at the youth spring conference.</p>

There being no further business, Fr. Cogsdale concluded the meeting with a prayer and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Alexander, Clerk

Approved: _____ Date: _____