



Saint James Episcopal Church

VESTRY MINUTES

September 20, 2011

Members present:

Fr. Mike Cogsdale
Larry Bailey
Jim Crawford
Jim Evert
James Hogan

Betty Purcell
Susan Rowe
Rebecca Sime
Patrick White
Clerk: Vince Crist

Members Absent:

Bill McKinney
Ray Williams

Guests:

Emerson Dickey
Albert Gooch

The September 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 minutes from the August meeting were approved by general consent.
Stewardship Emerson Dickey	Emerson Dickey, Stewardship Chairman, offered a follow-up to the letter that was recently sent to the parish. He commented that we plan to get an earlier start on the fall campaign, and hope to increase the number of pledging units. He stressed that everyone will be asked to “step up” their giving. He recommended that the approach should be through face-to-face contact.
Stewardship Albert Gooch	Albert Gooch, Consultant to the Stewardship Committee, offered his approach to the personal contacts. He made the following suggestions: 1) Do away with the word “need” and replace it with “opportunity.” The vestry should be seen as the grantors of opportunity to insure the future of the parish. 2) The vestry should not be afraid of damaging relationships by asking people to pledge or to increase their giving. 3) The vestry should not ask the congregation to do more than they themselves have done. 4) In the personal contacts, ask with dignity and accept the response with dignity.
Finance Susan Rowe	Susan reported that pledge payments through August were down by about \$26,000. The expenses are being kept in line, but there is still an Operations & Ministry deficit of over \$13,000.
Junior Warden Report Larry Bailey	Larry reported the following items: 1) Bids have been received for replacement windows and for lighting. Those bids are still being reviewed. 2) Architect Robert Clark from Hickory examined the conditions in the nave after it was noted in August that some of the pews were sloping. He observed that the right wall is not plumb and the floor is not level. He did not find cracks in the walls, and made no recommendation for repair.
CARE Betty Purcell	Betty offered a proposal to acknowledge Bread for the World Sunday. The vestry agreed to hold the celebration on October 16 by having a breakfast at

<i>(Full report attached)</i>	9:00 am, followed by a program from 9:30-10:15. Adult Forum would not meet that Sunday. She also reported that the pictorial directory is moving forward well.
Rector's Report Fr. Mike Cogsdale	Fr. Mike reported that Brad Prestwood is having a hard time working out the acolyte schedule and needs help. Fr. Mike suggested that we conduct a poll through Doodle.com to see when the acolytes are available to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Crist, Clerk of the Vestry

Approved: _____ Date: _____