



# Saint James Episcopal Church

## VESTRY MINUTES

October 18, 2011

*Members present:*

Fr. Mike Cogsdale  
 Larry Bailey  
 Jim Crawford  
 Jim Evert

James Hogan  
 Bill McKinney  
 Betty Purcell  
 Susan Rowe

Rebecca Sime  
 Patrick White  
 Ray Williams  
 Clerk: Vince Crist

The October 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.

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| <b>Vestry Minutes</b>                       | The minutes from the September meeting were approved by general consent.  |
| <b>Finance</b><br>Jim Evert                 | Jim Evert reported that pledge payments are behind by about \$28,000. This appears to be normal for this time of year, and we expect to catch up by the end of the year. Expenses are at or below budget. Susan Rowe added that we are considering weighting the income line in the 2012 budget to reflect more closely the typical payment schedule, rather than simply to divide the projected income by 12 months.   |
| <b>Stewardship</b><br>Susan Rowe            | Susan Rowe reported that \$125, 010 in pledges have been received to date, with an increase of \$21,000 over last year. Most pledges have shown an increase. She also reported that the diocesan pledge for 2012 will be \$18,250, an increase to 7.5%, following a plan which the vestry previously adopted.   |
| <b>Junior Warden Report</b><br>Larry Bailey | Larry reported the following items: 1) Bids have been received for replacement windows and for gutters. He distributed a bid from Premier Window, Inc. in the amount of \$5800 for 25 windows. He mentioned two bids for gutters, one in the amount of \$8000, and a second in the amount of \$6200. 2) St. James was awarded an energy grant from the City of Lenoir to replace light bulbs with more efficient types. The city and St. James will each pay 50% of the cost, our portion being \$2749.51.                                  |
| <b>Rector's Report</b><br>Fr. Mike Cogsdale | Fr. Mike presented a proposed slate of delegates to the 2011 Diocesan Convention: James Hogan and Jennie Deal – Delegates, and Rebecca Sime and Evelyn Baeza – Alternates. A motion was made by Ray Williams and seconded by Jim Crawford that the proposed delegates be approved. The motion carried.<br><br>Fr. Mike asked the vestry members to reread an article written by Melissa Eggers concerning the formation of a chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) in Caldwell County. He proposed that the |

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|                              | <p>vestry of St. James support Melissa in her use of the name of St. James Episcopal Church in her byline. After discussion, Ray Williams recommended that the proposal be divided into two components: 1) to support Melissa as a board member of PFLAG; 2) to support her use of the name of St. James in her byline. A motion was made by Ray Williams and seconded by Jim Crawford to support Melissa in her role as a board member of PFLAG. The motion carried. A second motion was made by James Hogan and seconded by Larry Bailey to support Melissa in her use of the name of St. James in her byline. The motion carried with one dissenting vote.</p>   |
| <p><b>Final Thoughts</b></p> | <p>Larry Bailey proposed that the vestry meetings be moved to 6:00 p.m. during the months from November to March. The Finance Committee will decide when to conduct their meetings. The proposal was approved by consent.</p> <p>Rebecca Sime announced the formation of a new group at St. James - the Senior Saints. They will take one trip per month, beginning with a trip to Asheville on October 28.</p> <p>Fr. Mike reported that he will lead a confirmation retreat on October 21-22 for three young confirmands at the Road's End Retreat Center in Ashe County. The Bishop's Visitation is tentatively scheduled for March 11, 2012. A group of 10 adults will be either confirmed or received.</p> <p>Larry Bailey invited others to come and help prepare backpacks on Thursday, October 20 from 10:30 to 12:30 in the Youth/Community Room.</p> <p>Ray Williams announced that the Homework House and Children's Choir began on Tuesday, October 18.</p> |

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Crist, Clerk of the Vestry

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