



Saint James Episcopal Church

VESTRY MINUTES

December 8, 2009

Barbara Busch
Mike Cogsdale
Charlene Clark
Doris Conn
Emerson Dickey

Jim Evert
Larry McMullen
Betty Purcell
Susan Rowe

Rebecca Sime
Patrick White (Absent)
Ray Williams
Clerk: Linda Alexander

Members present = 11

Members absent = 1

Members excused = 0

The meeting convened at 7pm with a devotion and prayer led by Fr. Mike Codgsdale.
Emerson Dickey led the reciting of the Vestry Covenant.

Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the previous monthly meeting on November 17th were examined and approved as submitted.
AOR	Ray Williams requested Lories report to be attached to the minutes.
Financial Report	Susan Rowe presented the budget and reported that the pledge payments through November for 2009 that had been paid already amounted to \$185,000. The amount budgeted for was \$201,066 Susan expressed her confidence that the remaining 2009 pledges yet to be received would arrive before the end of 2009. She also reported that 2/3 of the 2010 pledges have been received already and believes that if the pace keeps up that we should be on track with perhaps a small deficit for 2010. Emerson Dickey stated that the 2010 budget would be done at the January Vestry meeting and perhaps they should make a precedent of doing the budget each year in January.
CARE Funds	Betty Purcell read the attached document outlining the CARE funds of \$15,000. See attachment. Ray Williams was concerned about not having pre-knowledge about the project for feeding the hungry. This was due to being concerned about the length of the commitment. It was suggested that perhaps projects like this could be placed in the newsletter in advance.
Senior Warden Report	Emerson commented that a number of people he had contacted as possible Vestry nominees were not comfortable with the idea of being on the Vestry. The issue seemed to be a general concern about dealing with "issues." Charlene stated that some parishioners she had spoken to said reasons for not wanting to be

	on vestry were time constraints, not at Saint James long enough or they just weren't even members.
Junior Warden Report	Barbara Busch reported on the leak by the 2 doors leading into the atrium. The roof was suspected as being the cause of the leak and a roofing expert was consulted and confirmed this suspicion. The roofer pointed out the leak and patched it immediately. Other parts of the roof checked out ok. The roofer informed us that the roof was not installed properly. The roofer said he could fix it and will respond w/ cost of repair. Barbara feels that Looper Construction should repair it because it is their responsibility. They have repaired problems in the past based on our warranty. The concensus was that we would initiate a conversation with Looper to tell them our concern.
Old Business: <u>Lighting</u>	Ray reported that the wires will not be installed internally. They will be externally installed using conduit piping that will be painted to blend in with the paint on the outside of the sanctuary. It is hoped that the work will be completed by Christmas Eve.
New Business Vestry Papers	Fr Mike presented a VESTRY PAPER document from the Episcopal Foundation. The paper had good statistics on Episcopal Churches. He asked vestry members to read it during the upcoming month.
Open Space Event	Fr. Mike discussed an Open Space event based on 2 principles. 1)Passion 2)Responsibility. A full weekend will be needed for this event and it was proposed that it take place in February. The event will be open to anyone and will be vital to those wanting to take important steps in the life and ministry of St James. Gray Temple, a retired Episcopal priest, would be contacted to lead the event if available.
Children's youth Ministry	Resumes of 2 people who are being considered for the youth ministry were reviewed. Fr Mike asked for input on his decision to hire them and he outlined his expectations of the 2 positions. The money has already been approved for the hiring and they will begin working after the holidays. Emerson Dickey made a motion to support the plan to hire the two people and encouraged Fr. Mike to move forward with his decision. The motion was seconded by Ray Williams and the vestry unanimously approved it.
Doris Conn – Unemployment	Doris reported on the high rate of unemployment in Caldwell County and discussed the possibility of helping the jobless through a Saint James project. Larry McMullen reported that Caldwell County had received 8-12million federal dollars for job creation but had yet to find out what is being done with the money. Doris stated that we need to start simple and see where it goes. After much discussion it was decided that the project needed a lot more ideas and consideration.
Doris Conn – Communications Committee	Doris reported the communications committee was discussing various options regarding the electronic mailings and the newsletter and that we would hear more about this in the future.

Charlene Clark – Cremains Garden	Charlene reported on the box that Eric Miller made when pouring the cremains into the ground. The box was on the table for all to see and admire. Charlene reported lots of interest in the cremains garden project and that she had received lots of suggestions from parishioners. A project to include memorial bricks was also favorably discussed.
Outgoing Vestry Members	Fr. Mike reported that 3 vestry members were leaving the vestry at the end of this month. They are Rebecca Sime, Larry McMullen and Emerson Dickey. He thanked them and told them that we were all grateful and appreciative for their hard work and commitment. Each one spoke briefly about their time on the vestry and their dreams for Saint James future.

There being no further new or old business, Father Cogsdale concluded the meeting with final prayers and the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Alexander, Clerk

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