

Revised
St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Parish
Vestry Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 20, 2005 - 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Present: David Dauphine, Joe Raulerson, Sonny Howard, Leslie Barnes, Tom Barrett, Phoebe Nelson, Ginny Robards,

Vestry Absent: Bill Furr, Sam Tallman, Ellen Godwin, Joe Shelton, Iris Caldwell

Others Present: Rick Lawler, Jeanne Finan, Mike Miller, Beth Postlethwait, Greta Wilson, Frank Fary, Lisa Rees

Fr. Rick called the meeting to order and led the vestry in prayer. The minutes from the November 15, 2005 meeting were reviewed. David made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Leslie seconded the motion, which passed.

Mike presented the treasurer's report for November. After discussion, David made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Leslie seconded the motion which passed. The Vestry was given a list of what is left to be paid for 2005. The Vestry prioritized the list so that Debbie can pay them in order of importance as the money comes in. The Vestry then held an in depth discussion of the 2006 budget. Several areas were cut back in slight amounts. The total revenues for the 2006 budget was reduced to \$492,352.53.

David made a motion to accept the budget with changes discussed. Leslie seconded the motion. Sonny made a friendly amendment to raise the pledge amount on the budget from \$380,000. to \$391,000. in anticipation of pledges we feel will come in. The friendly amendment was not accepted. The vote on the budget passed with one no vote. Sonny asked that he be identified as the one no vote.

Mike will ask Debbie to create an explanation to be placed on the front cover of the financial report to keep the vestry aware of the underpaid pledges, overpaid pledges and the number of pledges.

Fr. Rick said that Tom Barrett had submitted his resignation effective January 1st. He thanked Tom for his good work. Fr. Rick asked that Bill Devereux be appointed to the balance of the term and he nominated him for Jr. Warden. Joe Raulerson moved to elect Bill and to name him as Junior Warden. David seconded the motion which passed. Fr. Rick nominated Joe Raulerson to another year as Senior Warden. Ginny made a motion to elect Joe. David seconded the motion which passed. Fr. Rick asked that Mike Miller be appointed Treasurer and Beth Postlethwait be appointed Clerk of the Vestry. Sonny made a motion to elect Mike and Beth. David seconded the motion which passed.

David made a motion to empower the Senior Warden, Jr. Warden, and Treasurer to sign checks, open bank accounts and conduct the business of the church. Ginny seconded the motion which passed.

Joe made a motion to designate \$30,000. of Fr. Rick's current stipend and \$5,000. of Mother Jeanne's current stipend for housing. Ginny seconded the motion which passed.

Fr. Rick spoke about the funeral to be held at St. Mary's this coming Thursday for the young man, Ed Cuttilla, who lived next door to the church. Mother Jeanne said that the EYC, along with parents and Fr. Rick, delivered trees and sang carols for shut-ins last Sunday. The Vestry will host the Third Sunday Brunch in January and outgoing vestry members will be honored. Greta offered to help organize the brunch.

Joe Raulerson led a discussion about a defibrillator which someone wants to give to the church. It was decided that with the Rescue Squad and the hospital so near that we probably do not need one. Joe will speak with the person who wanted to make the donation.

David said that all is well with the facility at this time.

There being no further business, Joe made a motion to adjourn. Sonny seconded the motion, which passed. Fr. Rick closed the meeting with prayer. Fr. Rick led the Vestry in prayer.

Beth Postlethwait, Clerk