

St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Parish
Vestry Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2006 - 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Present: Joe Raulerson, Sonny Howard, Leslie Barnes, Ginny Robards, Greta Wilson, Lisa

Rees, Bill Devereux

Vestry Absent: Sam Tallman, Ellen Godwin, Joe Shelton, Frank Fary

Others Present: Rick Lawler, Jeanne Finan, Mike Miller, Beth Postlethwait, Perry Mixer

Fr. Rick called the meeting to order and led the vestry in prayer. He welcomed the new vestry members. The minutes from the December 20, 2005 meeting were reviewed. There was a correction to the minutes. Greta made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Sonny seconded the motion, which passed. Fr. Rick welcomed Perry Mixer to the meeting and thanked him for the work he has done on the website. He gave an overview of the history of our website up until Perry took over as our webmaster. Perry shared a slide show of the new St. Mary's website. The vestry was very impressed with his work and everyone expressed their gratitude for what has obviously been a great deal of work.

Mike presented the treasurer's report for December. After discussion, Joe made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Leslie seconded the motion which passed.

Fr. Rick told the vestry that he will be holding a meeting with everyone who has an interest in Sunday School. A copy of the letter is attached and hereby included by reference. Fr. Rick shared concerns that have arisen with alcohol being served at church functions. The vestry looked over and discussed our present policy. A copy of the policy is hereby attached and included by reference. Joe made a motion to ban alcohol at church functions and on the property. Ginny seconded the motion which did not pass. After conversation it was decided that, with a few changes, the policy would be mailed to the members of the Parish. A copy of the policy with changes is hereby attached and included by reference. The vestry will revisit the policy if necessary. Fr. Rick shared pastoral concerns.

Mother Jeanne discussed the upcoming trip to Discovery Place in Charlotte to see the Dead Sea Scrolls. It looks as though there will be a good number of people going. She shared that Heifer International has given St. Mary's two lovely framed pictures acknowledging the gift of an ark, which costs \$5,000. for the last two years. The Daughters of the King have chosen the book [Right Here, Right Now](#) for their book study.

Bill said that he had spoken with Bill Stroh and they will meet to tour the facility to make notes about what is in need of attention. He is going to look into the possibility of having an energy audit.

Fr. Rick said that he would like to use a portion of the interest available on the charitable endowment to pay our share of the cost of the Habitat house built last summer. We need a total of \$5,400. Bill moved to request \$3,000. from the endowment for Habitat. Ginny seconded the motion which passed. Further discussion about the remaining balance of \$2,400. may need to take place.

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

Beth Postlethwait, Clerk

