

St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Parish

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 16, 2006 - 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Present: Joe Raulerson, Frank Fary, Leslie Barnes, Lisa Rees, Sonny Howard,
Vestry Absent: Greta Wilson, Sam Tallman, Ellen Godwin, Ginny Robards, Bill Devereux
Others Present: Rick Lawler, Mike Miller, Beth Postlethwait

Fr. Rick called the meeting to order and led the vestry in prayer. The minutes from the April 25, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Leslie made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Frank seconded the motion, which passed.

Mike presented the treasurer's report for April. Mike noted that the income for April was excellent and overall the budget is well in line for the year to date. After discussion, Frank made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Sonny seconded the motion which passed.

Fr. Rick discussed the need to select delegates for Convention this November. He asked that anyone who is interested let him know. Leslie expressed an interest. Fr. Rick expressed the importance of seeing the work of the church in the larger church community. The new Diocese workshop, Safeguarding our Children, must be attended by all church employees, staff, vestry members, and anyone who works with children. Everyone must attend within the next six months. He noted that we will have one or two programs here at St. Marys'. He asked all vestry members read the written policy then sign and return the acknowledgment that they have read the policy. Fr. Rick explained that Mother Jeanne has been, by invitation, at CREDO for a two week program during which new clergy review their ministry. She will be back this Sunday.

Fr. Rick talked with the vestry about electing two new vestry members to take the places of Marge Barrett and Joe Shelton. Marge has broken her ankle and Joe is now working during the week in Charlotte and cannot attend meetings. Fr. Rick recommended that Pam Ayoub and Orian Carter be elected to fill these vacancies. Sonny made a motion to elect Orian Carter. Joe seconded the motion which passed. Frank made a motion to elect Pam Ayoub. Sonny seconded the motion which passed. Fr. Rick will contact Orian and Pam.

The 2005 Parochial Report was handed out and reviewed. After discussion, Joe made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Lisa seconded the motion which passed. The report will now be sent to the national church and the diocese.

Fr. Rick announced that we will be honoring six of our graduating high school seniors. They will receive a prayer bead bracelet, a cross and a check from the Abel Pitts Scholarship Fund. The funds for the scholarships are raised by Pam Ayoub through the Christmas wreath and garland sales. Fr. Rick shared pastoral concerns.

The issue of health insurance came up and it was decided that a committee would be established to bring information to the vestry. Frank and Joe will co-chair the committee. Sonny and Bill volunteered to serve on the committee. They plan to examine existing policies. They will also speak with Dan Morris an insurance specialist who has looked over our policies at Joe's request.

Lisa reported that she has found out that, while we are not required to have an audit done by a CPA, we do need an end of the year process that reviews the books and our internal control procedures. Beth will order a book from the national church and Lisa (who is a CPA) will discuss our options.

Fr. Rick again encouraged everyone to consider attending the Mission and Ministry Conference in Asheville. There being no further business, Sonny made a motion to adjourn. Frank seconded the motion, which passed. Fr. Rick closed the meeting with prayer.

Beth Postlethwait, Clerk