

St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Parish

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 21, 2006 - 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Present: Ginny Robards, Leslie Barnes, Bill Devereux, Orian Carter, Joe Raulerson, Sonny Howard, Pam Ayoub, Sam Tallman, Frank Fary, Greta Wilson, Lisa Rees

Vestry Absent: Ellen Godwin

Others Present: Fr. Rick, Mother Jeanne, Beth Postlethwait , Mike Miller, Bill Bauknight

Fr. Rick called the meeting to order and led the vestry in prayer. The minutes from the October 17, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Orian made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Frank seconded the motion, which passed.

Mike presented the treasurer's report for October. He pointed out that the cash flow for last month was good and overall everything is in good shape. Next month the vestry will need to decide what percentage of the interest from 2006 they want to take out of the Charitable Trust and how it will be directed. Joe made a motion to accept the report as presented. Leslie seconded the motion, which passed.

There was a discussion about the 2007 Proposed Budget. Fr. Rick explained the evolution of the budget work sheet which began as a Dream Budget, was changed by recommendations from the Finance Committee, it was then pared back by Fr. Rick, and again by the Finance Committee. The vestry reviewed the changes. The vestry will be ready at the December meeting to make whatever changes are necessary based on pledges, etc. to come up with a balanced budget. We looked at a new budget format which shows Outreach all on one page instead of on two separate pages. This should make it easier for everyone to see exactly what is budgeted for outreach. Orian said that the Stewardship Committee was unanimous in their concern that salaries not remain the same. Bill said that other ways to cut back could be found rather than cutting salaries. The vestry agreed that, as always, we will submit a balanced budget for 2007.

Fr. Rick discussed pastoral concerns.

Mother Jeanne said that 13 or 14 people will be going to Panama. There will be a trip in the future to New Orleans and possibly Alaska. She has 8 confirmands in her class who will be confirmed when Bishop Taylor visits in December.

Bill said that the sidewalks will be taken care of in the next couple of weeks. The leak in the bell tower is back and he will call the contractor to have that checked.

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

Beth Postlethwait
Clerk of the Vestry