

# St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Parish

## Vestry Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 19, 2006 - 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Present: Bill Devereux, Orian Carter, Joe Raulerson, Pam Ayoub, Frank Fary, Greta Wilson, Lisa Rees

Vestry Absent: Ellen Godwin, Ginny Robards, Leslie Barnes, Sonny Howard, Sam Tallman,

Others Present: Fr. Rick, Mother Jeanne, Beth Postlethwait, Mike Miller, Bill Bauknight, Judy Domer, Marjory Holder, Paul Karsares

Fr. Rick called the meeting to order and led the vestry in prayer. He welcomed new vestry members Bill, Judy, Marjory, and Paul who begin their three year term in December. The vestry will host the Third Sunday Brunch on December 21. Lisa and Judy volunteered to oversee the meal. The minutes from the November 21, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Greta made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Pam seconded the motion, which passed.

Mike presented the treasurer's report for November. He said that as of December 19 there is \$18,000. in cash available. All outreach has been paid and one payroll remains for the year. We have received \$16, 860. in prepaid pledges which, as always, will remain restricted until the January 2007. We currently have 132 pledges for 2007 in the amount of \$349,625. At this point 92% of 2006 pledges are in. Bill made a motion to accept the report as presented. Frank seconded the motion, which passed.

There was a long discussion about the 2007 Proposed Budget. Vestry members expressed concern that the budget did not allow for any increase in salaries. The budget was adjusted by the vestry in a few places to allow a 2% increase for clergy and staff and still present a balanced budget. Pam made a motion to accept the budget with the changes that had been discussed. Greta seconded the motion, which passed. The vestry may revisit the budget if more pledges are received.

Fr. Rick nominated Joe Raulerson to serve as Sr. Warden and Bill Devereux to serve as Jr. Warden for the coming year. Greta made a motion to elect Joe as Sr. Warden and Bill as Jr. Warden. Pam seconded the motion which passed. Fr. Rick asked that Mike Miller be appointed as Treasurer and Beth Postlethwait be appointed Clerk of the Vestry. Greta made a motion to elect Mike and Beth. Lisa seconded the motion which passed.

Fr. Rick discussed pastoral concerns.

Mother Jeanne said that a dinner for our college students will be held at the Shelton's home on December 20. Natalie Bovino and Jeanne have been trained to present the Safeguarding God's Children classes. They will present the program on January 28 from 1:30 to 4:30 P.M.. All vestry members, Sunday School teachers, and anyone who works with children are required to take this class. Jeanne also shared that Leslie Barnes's home had caught fire. A quick response kept the damage less than it could have been. The vestry was asked to keep her family in their prayers.

Frank made a motion to empower the Senior Warden, Junior Warden and the treasurer to sign checks, open bank accounts, and conduct the business of the church. Greta seconded the motion which passed. Bill made a motion to designate \$30,000. of Fr. Rick's current stipend and \$5,000. of Mother Jeanne's current stipend for housing. Greta seconded the motion which passed.

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

Beth Postlethwait  
Clerk of the Vestry