

St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Parish

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2007 - 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Present: Bill Bauknight, Judy Domer, Marjory Holder, Paul Karsares, Orian Carter, Greta Wilson Joe Raulerson, Pam Ayoub, Frank Fary, Lisa Rees

Vestry Absent: Ellen Godwin, Bill Devereux,

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

Fr. Rick called the meeting to order and led the vestry in prayer. The minutes from the December 19, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Orian made a motion to accept the minutes as presented with a change in the minutes to show that the new members would begin their term in January and the treasurer's report was for December. Marjory seconded the motion, which passed.

Mike presented the treasurer's report for December and the year end. He said that there had been no budget crunches during the year 2006. The cash available at the first of January was \$7,500. and once the prepaid pledges for 2007 were taken out of the restricted funds the cash available on January 9th was \$37,149.94. The vestry discussed several items which were over budget for 2006. Marjory made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Greta seconded the motion which passed.

Fr. Rick said that Alma Ward, who has been the Acolyte Director for many years, will be retiring soon. He expressed his gratitude for Catherine Carter who will fill Alma's position. Fr. Rick said that we don't have any members in the hospital now. He and Mother Jeanne will continue to visit and take Communion to those who are home bound or in nursing homes. We had a baptism last weekend and have two more next month. Fr. Rick talked about much he appreciated all the hard work that went into making the holidays so beautiful.

Mother Jeanne said that ECW will resume in February. She said that Dale Shelton and Fr. Rick are doing a great job as the leadership team for the Panama trip. Erin Kirby will be here at St. Mary's as part of her discernment process for the priesthood. Erin will be here two days a week. Mother Jeanne said that she had been asked if we will be paying Erin and she wanted make sure that people understand that Erin's time here will not incur any expenses.

The vestry will host the Third Sunday Brunch on January 21. Greta and Judy will set up on Saturday. Everyone was encouraged to participate. The vestry looked at options for St. Mary's to be included in the Chamber of Commerce booklet and it was decided to go with the same format that the rest of the churches in Blowing Rock use. Beth will call and let them know what was decided. A discussion about the possibility of having an energy audit was discussed.

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

Beth Postlethwait
Clerk of the Vestry