

St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Parish
Vestry Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 13, 2007 - 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Present: Bill Bauknight, Judy Domer, Marjory Holder, Orian Carter, Greta Wilson, Joe Raulerson, Lisa Rees, Bill Devereux

Vestry Absent: Ellen Godwin, Paul Karsares, Pam Ayoub, Frank Fary

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

Fr. Rick called the meeting to order and led the vestry in prayer. Fr. Rick then introduced intern Erin Kirby who will be here at St. Mary's through April. Erin said that she has felt very welcome at St. Mary's and is enjoying her time here. The minutes from the January 16, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Bill Bauknight made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Judy seconded the motion, which passed.

Mike presented the treasurer's report for January. He said that pledges are coming in a timely manner. The cash available on January 31 was \$44,465.68. The vestry discussed the heating line item which is over budget at this time. Mike said that this is not unusual and will even out when winter is over. Bill Devereux made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Marjory seconded the motion which passed.

Fr. Rick said that it is time to turn over our 2006 records to Virginia Staton for our audit. Lisa will call for a date to deliver them. Fr. Rick talked to the vestry about a long range planning committee. Orian Carter and the Stewardship Committee will be a part of this project. It was suggested that we find a facilitator for the group. Judy will talk with someone she knows from ASU and get a quote.

A discussion was held about the donation St. Mary's wants to give to the Valle Crucis hermitages. Since this was not in the budget for 2007, it was decided that the money might come from the Charitable Trust. This possibility will be reviewed at the next meeting. Fr. Rick said that we have been contacted by someone who might be interested in purchasing the lot that St. Mary's owns in the Swink Subdivision. He contacted a real estate agent and it was suggested that we get an appraisal. The vestry gave permission to pay for the appraisal up to \$200. Beth will look up the amount we pay in yearly taxes. Fr. Rick reminded the vestry of the Shrove Tuesday dinner and Ash Wednesday services and encouraged them to attend. There is a new adult study beginning and a baptism this Sunday. Bishop Gary Glouster and his wife Judy will be spending more time in Blowing Rock and are enjoying being at St. Mary's. The vestry was asked to keep Kathy Wiggins, Mark Klein, Ralph Jonas, Bill Gibbons and Meredith Ward in their prayers. There will be a lock-in on March 2nd for the Senior High youth.

Jeanne and Tom are currently in Colorado with their son, his wife, and two little grandsons. She will be back on Sunday the 18th. The Panama mission participants continue preparations for their trip beginning on March 12.

Bill Devereux will have information on the energy audit next month. Judy said there will be a Outreach Fair on March 4th during Coffee Minute.

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

Beth Postlethwait
Clerk of the Vestry