

# St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Parish

## Vestry Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 17, 2007 - 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Present: Bill Bauknight, Judy Domer, Marjory Holder, Orian Carter, Lisa Rees, Frank Fary  
Vestry Absent: Ellen Godwin, Bill Devereux, Pam Ayoub, Paul Karsares, Greta Wilson,  
Others Present: Fr. Rick Lawler, Mother Jeanne, Beth Postlethwait

Fr. Rick called the meeting to order and led the vestry in prayer. The minutes from the March 20, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Orian made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Judy seconded the motion, which passed.

In Mike Miller's absence Fr. Rick discussed the financial report for March. The first quarter outreach has been paid and everything seems to be going well even though March and April are usually our slowest months of the year. The line item for Electricity, Gas and Water continues to be over budget. The cash available on February 28 was \$26,739.81. Marjory made a motion to table accepting the financial report until the next meeting when the treasurer is here. Judy seconded the motion.

Fr. Rick shared his thoughts on the Panama trip. He said it had been a life changing experience for him and he thanked the vestry and congregation for supporting this mission. Before the mission trip he had served as the chaplain for the Diocesan Youth Conference. This was David McNair's last conference. He will soon be going to seminary. Fr. Rick shared pastoral concerns.

Mother Jeanne said that she is sad to be leaving St. Mary's. She is very glad that our relationship with Panama will continue to grow and that the congregation feels ownership in this good work. Jeanne expressed her gratitude to the congregation. She said that St. John's is a small church with about 110 members and a small choir. They have been without a rector for two years.

Fr. Rick reminded the vestry of the memorial service for Kay McCloskey's mother next Saturday. Taryn Barnes will be raising funds for a young boy who has cancer and is friend of the Barnes family. Taryn will have a dinner in the Parish Hall and the proceeds will benefit the Bradan family.

Orian had been asked to make sure that the vestry could request \$3,000. from interest in the charitable trust to be given to the Hermitages project at Valle Crucis. Orian said that, according to the charitable trust document, the vestry could use the interest for that project. Judy made a motion to request \$3,000. from the charitable trust to be given to the Hermitages project. Marjory seconded the motion which passed.

Fr. Rick said that the appraisal on the Swink Subdivision lot came in at \$65,000. A discussion about the town getting sewer hooked up followed. It was decided that Orian will call Jim West who is on the zoning board and ask him to look into the possibilities.

Mother Jeanne left and the vestry discussed paying Jeanne's salary and benefits through June and allowing her to take the money in her discretionary account when she leaves. Marjory made a motion to pay salary and benefits until the end of June and allow Jeanne to take the money in her discretionary account. Bill Bauknight seconded the motion which passed. We will have a party in Jeanne's honor after the 10:10 service on May 27th.

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

Beth Postlethwait, Clerk of the Vestry