

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 - 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Present: Bill Bauknight, Marjory Holder, Greta Wilson, Mary Ellen Raulerson, Lisa Rees,

Bob Miller, Judy Domer, Paul Karsares, Betty Green

Vestry Absent: Pam Ayoub, Frank Fary, Judith Williams

Others Present: The Rev. Rick Lawler, Orian Carter, Beth Postlethwait

Fr. Rick called the meeting to order and asked the vestry to think back thru 2007 and tell what was memorable. The minutes from the December 18, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Several changes were made. Marjory made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Judy seconded the motion, which passed.

Orian presented the treasurer's report for December. The cash available at the end of December was \$54, 600. Pledges for 2008 are continuing to come in and we have 131 pledges to date. The cash available on January 15 was \$61,913. Orian was asked to explain the Charitable Trust. He also answered budget and financial questions for the new vestry members. Lisa made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Marjory seconded the motion which passed. Copies of the 2006 audit were handed out. The accountants found no problems during the audit and the cost was less than what was budgeted.

The Nominating Committee (Fr. Rick, Greta, Frank, Pam and Lisa as chair) will meet soon. Fr. Rick said that four Christmas services with five hundred people were held here at St. Mary's. He said that the Lawler family had a good vacation. Nyssa Turnbow and John Miller were married here at St. Mary's on January 5th. Jack Jones died in New Orleans and the funeral was held here on January 11th.

There will be a Newcomer's Tea in the Parish Hall on February 5th. Men's Breakfast will be on Thursday, January 31st. Jeanne Finan will provide the program and the women of the parish are invited to attend. Fr. Rick reminded everyone that the vestry hosts the Third Sunday Brunch in January. Everyone was asked to bring food. The Men's Breakfast will again host the Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras dinner on February 5th. Fr. Rick announced that a new group, God's Greenearth Guild, will begin meeting on Sunday, February 10th at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome. The Sr. Beach Ecology Trip will happen this year. Fr. Rick then discussed pastoral concerns.

Marjorie asked that the St. Mary's be updated. The last one was published was on June 26th 2007. She also requested that married couples who use different last names be listed twice in the directory. Beth expressed concern about the capability of the program to assign two head of households because it is tied to the financial component. Orian said we will definitely need to call ACS and check before we try to assign two heads of household. Beth or Debbie will call for information.

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

Beth Postlethwait
Clerk of the Vestry