

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 19, 2008 - 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Present: Marjory Holder, Greta Wilson, Bob Miller, Judy Domer, Betty Green, Lisa Rees, Pam Ayoub, Judith Williams, Bill Bauknight, Frank Fary, Mary Ellen Raulerson,

Vestry Absent: Paul Karseras

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

Fr. Rick called the meeting to order and led the vestry in prayer. The minutes from the July 15, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Marjory made a motion to accept the minutes with a change to show the Panama meeting will be on the 24th and the appraisal of the Mary painting was approved. We discussed the back pews in the church being put back in or leaving them out. Pam made a motion to leave the pews out. Bill Bauknight seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention and two nay votes.

Orian presented the treasurer's report for July. The cash available as of August 19 is \$130,723. Orian said that 99% of the tour expenses have been paid. After a discussion, Frank made a motion that \$33,000 surplus from Tour of Homes go to the ECW for recommendations on how to direct the surplus. Greta seconded the motion, which passed.

Fr. Rick said that today was Katy's first at work! She met with Fr. Rick and Beth. We are very happy to have her here. Sam Tallman has been training as a Spiritual Director. He would like to work at St. Mary's as a parishioner and not as staff. He will work at no charge. Frank made a motion to support Sam in this new work. Judy seconded the motion which passed. Melissa Eggers, a vocational deacon from Lenoir, will be here for nine months. She may do some workshops during her time here. Fr. Rick said that he would like to reimburse her expenses for gas. Jim Prichett, the Canon to the Ordinary, will be here on Sunday, August 24th. Fr. Rick asked to keep Rudy, Marge Barrett and Jeanne Finan in your prayers for healing. Fr. Rick said that the Mary Fest dinner was a wonderful evening and was very well attended. Fr. Rick said that Beth is stepping down as Clerk of the Vestry. He asked for someone to take her place. Pam volunteered to take Beth's place. Mary Ellen will help Pam. Lisa made a motion to appoint Pam as clerk of the vestry, with help from Mary Ellen. Greta seconded the motion, which passed.

Frank said that he had asked Meg's nephew to look at our pipe organ and he said that we should look at replacing the organ. It will be very costly to buy another one, but we need be thinking about it. Frank will pre-buy this years propane to get a lower price. The nursery windows will cost from \$8-9,000. Judy made a motion go ahead with the windows. Pam seconded the motion, which passed

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

Beth Postlethwait
Clerk of the Vestry

