

## St. Mary of the Hills

Vestry Meeting  
January 19 2010

Vestry members present: Michele Capen, Betty Green, Kristian Jackson, Bob Miller, Chip Myers, Derald West

Vestry members absent: Jim Ayoub, Alex Hallmark, Becky Johnson, Mary Ellen Raulerson, Frank Thomas, Diana White

Others present: Fr. Rick Lawler, Orian Carter, and Greta Wilson

Fr. Rick opened the meeting with a prayer and those present introduced themselves.

The Minutes from the December 15, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Orian Carter stated that the checking account balance to date is \$111,423.74, with available cash being \$83,387.51. As of Dec. 31st, 2009, the cash available was \$54,613.15, and we ended the year with a surplus of income over expenses in the amount of \$13,866.09. The Charitable Trust has in its outreach account: \$217,266.47 and in the capital account: \$38,562.80.

Approx. 98.3% of 2009 pledges have been collected for the year. For 2010, we have pledges in the amount of \$329,372.00. We budgeted an amount of \$334,000.00 so we are close to reaching that amount. There are 131 pledges for 2010 as opposed to 129 for 2009. We have already collected 12% of our 2010 pledges and our projections were only for 6% at this time, so we are ahead of schedule in collecting pledge payments for 2010. We budgeted an amount of \$471,500.00 for our total revenues for 2010.

Chip Myers moved that the financial report be accepted and Derald West seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Rector's Report: Fr. Rick gave an overview of Beth Postlethwait's situation: she has been approved for Short-term disability through Feb. 28th., at which time she will have to provide additional medical documentation in order for the benefits to continue. UNUM declared her date of disability to be Sept. 30th. The church was required to pay her salary and benefits for the month of October. UNUM is now paying her 70% of her salary and has reimbursed the church for 70% of the salary we paid her for the months of Nov. and Dec. That check is for an amount of approx. \$4064.00. The vestry will have to decide what to do with that money. The church is required to pay her benefits during the time she receives her short-term disability benefits. The letter Fr. Rick sent out seeking monetary gifts for Beth has resulted in our receiving \$12,735.00. Originally, it was thought that we needed approx. \$17,000.00 to cover her benefits; however, now that amount is \$13,500.00. Fr. Rick wants to give her a "thank you" party and plans on ending the Beth fund on Jan. 31st. Then the vestry will need to decide what to do with the money received as reimbursement from UNUM.

Fr. Rick discussed possible dates (Feb.13th and Feb. 27th) for a Saturday vestry workshop at Valle Crucis Conference Center. He will poll all vestry members and let everyone know the most convenient date.

Fr. Rick presented a letter from Jim Bumgardner requesting 9 weeks off for 2010 and 9 weeks off for 2011. Currently he gets 6 weeks off a year. He is on salary so the time off will be paid. He has been with St. Marys for over 20 years, and this is his first request for extended time off. Derald West wanted more information about the schedule for his time off. He expressed concerns about his being gone for lengthy periods of time and also

during the summer months when we have so many people attending church. Fr. Rick will seek more clarification from Jim.

Natalie Bovino has agreed to be in charge of the Nursery. Donna Deveureux has done a wonderful job for several years and would like to take a break.

Pastoral concerns: Trey Fountain continues to improve, Al Wheeler has been in the hospital again but is now home, Richard Howe is about one week away from hitting bottom from the side effects of his chemo treatments and hopefully will then begin to feel better. Harriet Davant is now home as well. Ken McKinney and Bel Evans are homebound because of the weather but appear to be doing OK.

Sr. Warden's Report: No report.

Jr. Warden's Report: Chip Myers is trying to get a handle on the church bldg and will take a tour with Bill Stroh. He looked into our propane pricing and thinks we are getting a good deal. He is looking into the AT&T voice mail system. .

Other business: Orian Carter asked the vestry to pass a resolution for First Citizen's Bank authorizing the following people to sign checks for the church: Mary Ellen Raulerson, Sr. Warden; Chip Myers, Jr. Warden; and Orian Carter, Treasurer. Said motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Fr. Rick closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Greta Wilson