



St. John's Anglican Church
Vestry Meeting
February 9, 2009
Submitted: Jody Smith, Secretary

Location & Time

The Vestry met at St. John's on February 9, 2009, at 7:00 pm.

Present

The Reverend Doug Folsom, Scott Hill, Bruce Kirchenheiter, Jim Wirkus (*Jr. Warden*), Steve Bock

Absent: Jim Swartz, Theresa Mason

Others: Jody Smith, Charles Cunningham, Roger Booth, Phyllis Booth

Opening Prayer & Devotional "Jesus Calling" based on Romans 8:28

Proposal for The Ark Preschool – Charles Cunningham

- Charles presented a proposal for starting a preschool for the 2009-2010 school calendar. He explained the incremental effect it will have on St. John's tax basis and that the Ark & Preschool will remain tax exempt until such time they are generating significant income.
- The Preschool Proposal is for a 3 day/week program, Tuesday-Thursday, for children 3 & 4 years old.
- The Curriculum is the Creative Curriculum which is not only recommended but preferred by NAEYC (*National Association for the Education of Young Children*) which has very high standards and very few accredited Preschools in Utah (Head Start, some Montessori's, and a few other independent schools).
- The Creative Curriculum is not Christian based per se but Christian principles can be implemented.
- Vestry members felt very strongly that the Preschool be Christian based.
- Fr. Doug wanted clarification about the Preschool being a revenue generator or a ministry. The Vestry unanimously agreed the Ark and Preschool would be a ministry.
- The conversation was tabled until March for a final decision.

Newcomers/Welcoming Report – Roger & Phyllis Booth

- Roger and Phyllis Booth provided a report about Newcomers and discussed the current way of tracking, welcoming and retaining newcomers. A database with phone numbers, addresses, email etc. has been created and newcomers are receiving calls inviting visitors to events including newcomers dinners, the classes to start in March.
- There have been requests to consider advertising in the Heber telephone book.
- The Vestry agreed that each Sunday we should profile a new family in the written bulletin. Roger and Phyllis will contact newcomers to ask if "they" would like to participate and Jody will include the information in the bulletin.
- It was also suggested that each Parish family, bring a friend to the movie nights, to church on Sunday, and to activities at St. John's.

Minutes for January 12, 2009 Vestry Meeting – approved as submitted

By-Law Revisions and Discussion – Charles Cunningham

- Charles Cunningham presented a revision of St. John's By-Laws and explained the changes. The majority of changes were typographical errors or clarifications. The substantive changes being proposed would allow the congregation to vote to expand the Vestry to 11, to add a seasonally split position. Additional changes clarifying the position of Senior Warden and Junior Warden allowing them to be from the Congregation and not part of the Vestry.

Treasurer's Report, Stewardship & Budget, the Ark – Jody Smith & Matt Lehman

- The Ark is holding it's own at this time and based on projected actual figures for the last quarter of 2008, should be able to start contributing back to the church.
- The First Liquidity test which was not due until the end of February has been met. The donations and accelerated pledge payments received to date have been put into a higher interest bearing money market account. We were not able to put the funds into CD's as planned because we would not be allowed to draw from the fund without a substantial penalty.
- The next liquidity test will be in July/August. St. John's accounts will need to show approximately \$110,000 in the accounts.
- A separate account will be set up for the 168 Hr. Film Project. Fr. Doug has had pledges of \$15,000 of which \$10,000 will be received by the start of the project. Fr. Doug will continue to solicit donations to cover the estimated \$20,000 needed.

The Thrift/Consignment Shop – Matt Lehman

- Other ventures to increase income revenue include the Ark Preschool as explained by Charles and a possible Thrift/Consignment Store. Based on conversations with Tim Dahlin a consignment store could be significantly more profitable with less regulation and overhead than the Ark. Matt requested authorization from the Vestry to negotiate with Santa Fe to lease the corner unit for 60 – 90 days on a trial basis. The Vestry agreed that before the discussion went much further a store manager/coordinator would have to volunteer and Santa Fe will need to approve the arrangement. If Santa Fe asks for prohibitive lease payments then the Vestry would consider putting it in the open lobby space of the church.
- The advantages of using the vacant space would be that St. John's:
 - ¹ would have an opportunity to see if it will work and have the opportunity to “ramp up” ,
 - ² the demographics in the area indicate there would be a customer base
 - ³ there would be no costs associated with the items being sold
- The Vestry authorized Matt Lehman to approach Santa Fe to negotiate a Consignment Store project in the vacant unit. If it turns out to be profitable St. John's would be willing to consider profit sharing and/or actually leasing the space.

Rectors Report

- **Ash Wednesday & Lent** services and activities were discussed. The Alpha Course will be offered during Lent, will take a break for Easter and then resume.
- **Contingency Plan** - Fr. Doug asked the Vestry to consider forming a contingency committee to research options and alternatives should the long-term financial plan fail.

Fr. Doug re-emphasized that the Preschool for the Ark should be “CHRISTIAN” based and the name should reflect that it is Christian.

9:00 pm The Vestry went into an executive session to discuss final Vestry nominations.

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 pm

Next Meeting February 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm