



St. John's Anglican Church
Vestry Meeting
April 13, 2009
Submitted: Jody Smith, Secretary

Location & Time

The Vestry met at St. John's on April 13, 2009, at 7:00 pm.

Present

Charles Cunningham (*Sr. Warden*), Theresa Mason (*Jr. Warden*), Matt Lehman (*Treasurer*)
Tim Dahlin, Henry Johnson, Bruce Kirchenheiter, Neal Robinson, Stan Sydenham

Absent: Steve Bock, Scott Hill

Resigned: Jim Wirkus

Others: Jody Smith, Lorraine Johnson and Roger Booth (*Prayer Team*)

Opening Prayer & Discussion – Lorraine Johnson and Roger Booth

- Lorraine Johnson opened the meeting in the sanctuary with an opening prayer and discussion of "The Presence Based Church" by Terry T. Teykl. Lorraine quoted characteristics of the Martha based church (one that attempts to meet the needs of the people or consumer based church) and the Mary based church (one that is centered in welcoming, prayer, listening with Jesus at the heart).
- The members of the Vestry spent time in individual prayer with Lorraine and Roger laying on hands and praying with them.

Minutes for March 16, 2009 Vestry Meeting – approved as corrected.

- Corrections: Stan Sydenham was absent, Charles Cunningham was a member, not a visitor).

General Discussion and Questions

- The Ark Preschool Update: The preschool will use the "Creative Curriculum", a nationally recognized (NAEYC) curriculum and will integrate Christian principals in the actual teaching as incorporate daily prayer and weekly chapel time.

Interim Clergy, Retreat, Leadership – Tim Dahlin

- Tim asked for clarification about his responsibilities and involvement with St. John's during the interim time. At this time, the Vestry will not request an interim rector. He reminded the Vestry to make sure that the decisions the Vestry makes are intentional. The responsibilities and the direction the parish will take will be the primary topic during the vestry retreat in May.

Senior Wardens Report – Charles Cunningham

- Scott Austin will be going through the AMiA approved Diaconate process and has agreed to take over the Acolyte program including training.
- Retreat will be on Saturday, May 30, 2009. Additional details will be discussed in the May Vestry meeting.
- Jim Wirkus has resigned from his position on the Vestry. The Vestry respects Jim's decision and will look forward to seeing him in the congregation and during fellowship and other parish activities. Jim had one more year on the Vestry which will be filled by a member of the congregation.
- Neal will remain on the Vestry while Lee Reed undergoes treatment for cancer. The Vestry will call Neal and conference call with him.
- Discussion ensued regarding Fr. Doug's departure and the impact it might have on members of the parish, particularly newcomers. The Vestry agreed to contact all members and prayerfully listen, respect and honor all concerns and questions members may have.
- Letters have been emailed and mailed to all members, including newcomers, about the decision and our prayer ministry.
- Vestry Members Responsibilities: Charles asked each member to "lead by example" particularly by leading any one of the many ministries at St. John's and to attend as many of the parish activities as possible.
- Services – At this time the 8:30 am service will be put on hold since the services are being led primarily by Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Scott Hill and Henry Johnson). The services have gone well and attendance is up. The Worship Team will use the service from the English Common Worship that Doc provided. Tim is willing to preach most Sunday's with the Reverend Keith and the Reverend Brad Kramer assisting when Tim is unavailable.
- Tim stepped out while the Vestry discussed compensation arrangements. The Vestry unanimously agreed to pay clergy \$200 per service during the interim period.
- Discussion took place about recording sermons in MP3 format and including them on the website. Roger Booth is willing to verify that the sermons can be recorded and included on the site. The Vestry agreed to allocate \$350 or \$500 to purchase the equipment needed to get clear recordings.
- AMiA Pledge and Outreach – Charles reminded the Vestry members to think and pray about how St. John's can resume paying something to AMiA with the goal of building back up to 10% and resume funding the Outreach account.

Treasurer's Report– Matt Lehman

- **World Bazaar** – Matt provided an update on the negotiations with Santa Fe and the World Bazaar and consignment store proposal. At this time World Bazaar has begun paying back the lease amounts due and it looks like they will not be vacating the property at this time.
- **Thrift Store** – The Alpha Design suite is still available but Santa Fe's partners have asked that the concept be refined. They are concerned about the clients and emphasized that the name not include "thrift" in any advertising. They are still willing to be flexible about the 90 day trial basis. Matt and Tim will continue to discuss the concept and marketing. Leadership may include Laurie, Theresa (who will look at shelving and layout ideas).
- Matt emphasized to members of the Vestry that, at this time, St. John's has nothing to lose by having both the Ark and Preschool and consignment store. The Consignment store and Preschool will be business ventures while the Ark is a ministry. He reminded the Vestry that the Ark was created in response to the requirement by Santa Fe to have a business which will draw families and residents to Quarry Village.
- The Vestry is in agreement that if the consignment venture is successful, the Vestry may need to look at the Ark and make a decision as to whether it is financially prudent to continue it.
- Matt explained the budget and current parish finances. The \$100,000 released from the Letter of Credit by Santa Fe last fall will end in May. The parish will resume paying \$17,800 per month for the lease and will begin using funds set aside to meet the liquidity tests.
- Matt presented St. John's current financial status during a PowerPoint presentation. He responded to questions about the budget.
- Finances including estimated pledges, one time gifts and the \$100,000 released by Santa Fe leaves a deficit gap of \$148,766. Some of that deficit has been made by new pledging members, an increase in plate offerings and other donations. Currently the estimated actual gap through December 31, 2009 is \$44,236.

Jr. Warden – Theresa Mason

- Carpet Cleaning – the carpets need to be cleaned. Tim will ask his son-in-law if he will be willing to clean the carpets and provide a bid.
- A plumber needs to come in and look at the plumbing in the men's restroom.
- Cleaning: The Ark Cleaning – Theresa will speak with Shannon and request that she completely clean the Ark daily including putting up toys, taking out the garbage in the kitchen and cleaning the kitchen. Mid-week parish groups will need to clean up after themselves and take the garbage out. We will continue to have the building cleaned on Sunday afternoons following the service.
- Lobby Entrance – A discussion led by Tim and Theresa regarding the main entrance leading directly into the Ark was held. No decisions were made.

Search Committee – Charles and Henry

- The vestry discussed the formation of a search committee. Lorraine and Roger prayed with the Vestry for guidance and direction.
- Following prayer time, the members of the Vestry were asked to prayerfully ask God for possible names for the committee being as inclusive as possible and guided by the Holy Spirit including newcomers, Vestry members, men and women, and consideration of time available to devote to the search process.
- A list of 11 candidates was created. Charles will ask the candidates if they are willing and available to serve and will announce the committee to the parish by Sunday. Henry is willing to be the chair if elected. Doc Loomis is willing and available to assist as needed.
- The Vestry voted (with one abstaining vote) to elect Henry as the chair person of the Search Committee and to have 5 – 9 members on the committee depending on the willingness of the nominated members.

Senior Warden Election -

- Pursuant to the By-Laws in the absence of a Rector, the Vestry may elect a Senior Warden. A motion was made, seconded and passed that Charles Cunningham remain the Senior Warden during the interim period.

Next Meeting – May 11, 2009 at 7:00 pm