

**ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
**Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**July 16, 2007**  
**Submitted by Marlys Berg, Clerk**

**LOCATION AND TIME**

The meeting held at Park City Academy was opened at 7:05p with group prayers.

**PRESENT**

**Vestry:** Gretchen Cunningham, Pattie Dahlin, Scott Hill, Jeri Lambourne, Jim Swartz, and Jim Wirkus

**Others:** Fr. Christopher, Tim Dahlin, Marlys Berg, Clerk

**SHARING**

The group shared what God has been doing in their lives.

**MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the May 14, 2007 meeting be accepted.

**MINISTRY HEADS REPORTS**

- **Prayer Teams:** Tamara reports they are focused on making the congregational prayers more spontaneous, relevant and less liturgical. More than one team member will participate, and prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and travel will be included. Beginning in August they will have monthly prayer team meetings. Tamara would like to have a prayer bench for the weekly healing prayers in the new building, and a place where people could leave prayer requests.
- **Altar Guild:** Lark reports more ladies are needed.
- **Agape Ministry:** Phyllis is sending out cards for birthdays, anniversaries and encouragement. She also can send out flowers from the Vestry, etc., as needed.
- **PR:** Bill Shadrach states he will be writing PR releases on upcoming events, i.e., building completion details, opening and moving, opening of The Ark, and newsworthy outreach programming.

**NEWSLETTER**

Jeri ran a cartoon in the bulletin for 5-6 weeks suggesting the need for someone to take on this project. She got no response. There will be no newsletter unless someone is willing to take it on.

**JR. WARDEN**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **NEWCOMBERS DINNER/BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

It was decided that Jim S. would set up the newcomers dinner for a week or so after Labor Day.

The Blessing of the Animals should also be planned – possibly a cookout at Quarry Village, if they will allow it, and inviting outsiders to take part. Jim will check into this.

## **MUSIC**

Tamara, Matt and Jon have done a great job taking care of music while Gretchen has been away. We also have a new choir member.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Scott went over the project financial summary numbers. The amount unfunded is between \$260,000 and \$300,000. It will be difficult to estimate accurately until the contractor's estimates can be finalized. The budget will go up to approximately \$400,000 next year, including staff hires for the administrative assistant childcare director and one childcare staff person. We are paying \$15,780+ a month for rent as of July 1. Through no one's fault it has taken longer to do the things that need to be done in order to begin construction. We should estimate occupancy by mid to late October.

We do not have the Letter of Credit yet, so can do nothing at the building site until that is in place. Scott stated we must secure 100% of the LOC value, so he has talked with the VA Credit Union (a \$50-60 million credit union) where he serves on the Board of Directors, and has arranged the following if needed and approved by the Vestry.

- Take the \$186,000 out of the building fund and give to the Credit Union to hold in an escrow account for us. They would pay us 5-½% on a CD for whatever amount of time we want to meet the LOC requirements (probably 10-12 months at a time).
- In order to replace that money and provide enough funds to complete buildout, a member of the congregation is willing to put a \$250,000 mortgage on their home. The Credit Union would give this family a bridge loan to get us through the construction period (about 120 days). They would give the bridge loan at prime plus a half.
- Upon completion of the buildout, the \$144,000 finish-out allowance would be taken to pay back the first portion of the parishioner's loan.
- In addition, the Credit Union will give St. John's a \$100,000 unsecured line of credit.
- SJA would move their accounts over to the Credit Union as thanks for their help, although this is not required as part of the loan agreement.

There was concern expressed regarding how much enthusiasm there is on the part of the congregation for the new building, and whether they are behind the project. There was a long, and involved discussion on this concern, and how to

ascertain the feelings of the church body, what would be the course of action if we didn't go ahead with Quarry Village, and the LTG (organic church) issue and the balancing of that along with the new building project.

It was finally decided to start by meeting with the Founders of St. John's in the next couple of weeks regarding affirmation on the building project. This could possibly be followed up with an affirmation meeting with the congregation if it was deemed necessary. The meeting time with the Founders will be conveyed to the vestry by email.

There are big issues to deal with and resolve and Fr. Christopher asked that we be in much prayer in the days ahead.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

The list of tasks needing undertaking by volunteers was discussed and suggested names for some were given. They will be approached.

### **LDS GIFT MONEY**

The Vestry was asked how they would feel about accepting LDS gift money if available to us. After some discussion the consensus was if there are no strings attached, we could use it. Tim Dahlin will make a call to find out more about it.

### **RECTOR'S REPORT**

Fr. Christopher reported he has gotten several comments from visitors that they did not feel welcomed. He reiterated the need for the Vestry to be sensitive to new people and make a point to say hello and introduce them to others.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on August 13, 2007.

### **CLOSING**

The meeting was closed with prayer at 10:20p.