

St. John's Episcopal Church, Charlotte, NC
Vestry Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2011

CLERGY/VESTRY PRESENT: Rev. Fr. Paul Winton, Reid Joyner, Kim Hoben, Mary Jane Gommel, Jim Riddle, Sandy Fussell, Win Robinson, Kurt Kottkamp, Patrick Leake, Hunt Wofford, Sally Mueller, Merrill Gowdy and Sarah Asby.

GUESTS PRESENT: None (meeting during Kanuga Vestry retreat)

JANUARY MINUTES: The January 2011 minutes will be reviewed when distributed and approved by e-mail vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee Update are tabled until the information can be sent out via email. The Treasurer's Report will be approved by e-mail vote once Vestry members have had a chance to review the information.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT (Reid Joyner):

- Vestry Discretionary Fund: Money moved into the vestry discretionary fund from last year's cash surplus is \$22,000 plus \$2,000 from a parishioner totaling \$24,000. Vestry approved the distribution of those funds as follows.
 - \$3000: To be used for one time staff bonuses for employees who will not receive a raise.
 - \$2000: To be used for Kanuga scholarships to supplement the \$4000 raised from events; this will help as many people as possible to come to Kanuga in April (there is a place on the application for members to designate if they are requesting financial assistance). If the full sum of Kanuga scholarship money is not used, the money will be moved to the Vestry Discretionary Fund.
 - \$6000: To be used for assistant rector search, specifically travel and moving expenses. We can't know a maximum cost at this point, so circumstances may require adding to this figure at a later date.
 - \$2000: To be used for supply clergy as needed (\$500 for 4 Sundays in 2011 is assumed).
 - \$5000: To be used immediately to help pay down debt.
 - \$6000: To stay in the discretionary fund with the plan to use these funds if we need them to retire remaining debt.
 - With the addition of \$6,000 to the Vestry Discretionary Fund, the balance of this fund will be \$79,000.
- Outreach Allocations:
 - There is \$39,000 to be distributed for outreach by March 2011; this will go to the traditional places St. John's has given to before.
 - The Outreach Committee will allocate these funds and then the Vestry can discuss outreach spending again during the April meeting.
 - For outreach, we would like to put a monetary value on things we are giving that the church is not paying for (e.g., bags of groceries, Angel tree gifts, room for AA meetings, clothing donated). Without doing this, we are understating what we as a parish are giving with outreach ministries. There is a subcommittee working on this.
- Debt Reduction:
 - So far, response has been good. There is already \$75,000 pledged for debt reduction (fewer than 25 people), with \$53,000 paid so far (the approval of \$5000 above is not included in those numbers).
 - Training was given to members calling other members and calls have begun to church members asking them to give to debt reduction.
 - The Vestry is committed to all parish families being contacted about the debt reduction.

- The Vestry was asked to return their debt reduction pledge cards to Susan Mason by February 25th.
 - Donations can be given by Pentecost or spread over time through March 2012. We don't want to interfere with the 2012 Operating Campaign.
- Church of the Beloved Trailer:
 - A 10-year-old trailer from the Church of the Beloved has been sitting in the parking lot for some time and there is no one who wants it (our scouts, other church's scouts, etc.).
 - Fr. Paul would like to buy the trailer.
 - The wholesale price of the trailer would be \$500-\$600.
 - A motion was approved to sell the trailer to Fr. Paul for \$600 and to use those proceeds towards Kanuga scholarships.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT (Jim Riddle):

- Preschool Security:
 - There is a need to secure the preschool better; there is currently a risk that children could be inappropriately removed from the premises.
 - This was put out to bid and Kurt Kottkamp's company, ESS, came in with the lowest cost by far.
 - The project will include card reader access to all doors in the preschool area, cameras, and locking the new building elevator so it can't go down to the 1st floor during preschool hours. Preschool workers will have ID badges and access can be monitored by computer.
 - People will not be able to enter the preschool area during preschool hours unless they have an ID with access.
 - The cost of this project will be \$17,000 and will be paid for out of the preschool budget.
- There was also discussion of how Sundays can be chaotic and there is concern about losing a child during that time as well.
- Eagle Scout Project:
 - The north side fence will be replaced by Mason Goodman through an Eagle Scout project. Mason is raising \$5312.57 for this project.
- March 26th is the next parish workday.

RECTOR'S REPORT (Fr. Paul Winton):

- Men's Group:
 - This will be a new group to share in prayer for each other, fellowship and service to St. John's.
The group will be led by parishioners Josh Lyle and John Patrick.
 - There will be a March officer election and the group will meet year round.
- Asst. Rector Candidate March 4-6 Visit:
 - Deacon Josh Bowron and his wife Brittany will be visiting from Sewanee. They have two children; Ava is 6 and Henry is 4.
 - The Vestry will receive information about the events for the weekend.
 - Deacon Josh graduates from Sewanee in May and he is in the top of his class.

The meeting closed with prayer and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jane Gommel