

St. John's Episcopal Church, Charlotte, NC
Vestry Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2011

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Janet Brown (Treasurer), Susan Mason (Parish Steward), Jon Michael Morgan (Foundation Chair), George Merts (Vestry Assistant).

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: A gift was presented by Reid Joyner on behalf of the Vestry to George Merts in recognition of his faithful service to St. John's as Vestry Assistant.

DECEMBER MINUTES: Sarah Asby's name was added to the list of Vestry-elect members present at the November meeting. The December minutes were then approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Janet Brown): 2010 ended with a \$22,000 surplus which will be rolled into the Vestry Discretionary Fund until it is decided how best to use it. A motion was made and passed to approve the Treasurer's Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Merrill Gowdy):

- 2011 Budget
 - Debt service was restored to the 2011 budget for the full year
 - Compensation was added for 8 months for an Assistant Rector and an Assistant to the Director of Youth Ministries
 - Deficit budget of (\$111,872)
 - Motion was made and passed to approve the 2011 budget with the proviso that there will be quarterly reviews to determine if revenues project to be sufficient to cover the expense deficit.

FOUNDATION REPORT (Jon Michael Morgan):

- Foundation fund was up 4 ½ % for the quarter and 9.7% for the year
- Reminder that funds for Kanuga Kids are available if not enough money is donated
- \$8872 will be disbursed to Outreach Discretionary in February/March 2011
- Need 1 or 2 more members for the Foundation Committee...suggestions should be given to Jon Michael Morgan
- A motion was made and approved with the gratitude of the Vestry to accept the report of the Foundation

NEW BUSINESS:

- Labyrinth (Win Robinson)
 - Suggested grassy area in front of Columbarium as location for labyrinth
 - Donor-driven project
 - Win will organize a "field trip" to several labyrinths here in Charlotte for Vestry members

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT (Jim Riddle):

- A motion approved to add smoke and heat detectors to areas requested by Utica Mutual Insurance (Nave, storeroom, sexton's room in the NW corner of the first floor, each of the 3 mechanical rooms with heaters and a/c units).
 - Vendor is ESS, owned by Kurt Kottkamp
 - Quote is \$4758.67

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT (Reid Joyner):

- Likely Debt Reduction Strategy
 - Pay off bus loan to BBT
 - Pay back loans made from the Foundation & Permanent Designated Funds
 - These loans total \$314,000
- Plan is to run a “small scale Capital Campaign” which will be kicked off at the Annual Meeting
 - Vestry asked to support and take a leadership role in this campaign
 - By roll-call vote, the Vestry agreed unanimously to support the debt campaign in prayer and labor and financially.
- April Vestry meeting will take place on Thursday, April 14, as the third Monday falls during Holy Week and no meetings will take place in the church during that time

RECTOR'S REPORT (Fr. Paul Winton):

- Annual Meeting on January 23, 2011
- Diocesan Convention in Winston-Salem January 21 & 22
- Vestry Retreat at Kanuga February 11 & 12

LIAISON'S REPORTS:

- Music Ministry (Win Robinson)
 - Chip Carter has been added to the staff as Master of Bell and Chime
- Job Hunters (Kim Hoben)
 - Cathy Harrison will order a sign for them for our front yard
- ECW (Kim Hoben)
 - Looking for new leadership as Murray Walker is ready to “retire” as chair
- Guild of St. Margaret (Kim Hoben)
 - Asking for suggestions for inreach projects

The meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Johnson