

St. John's Episcopal Church, Charlotte, NC  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2011

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Susan Mason (Parish Steward), Janet Brown (Treasurer), Jim Gamble (Front Lawn Committee chair).

FEBRUARY MINUTES: The February 2011 minutes were approved as written. Thank you to Mary Jane Gommel for taking these minutes at the February meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Janet Brown):

- A Communication line for the budget is being developed to reflect more accurately reflect the amount needed for communications for the parish.
- The Clergy Discretionary Funds have been reviewed by Gary Williams.
  - Chip Carter's salary will be transferred from the Rector's Discretionary Fund to the Restricted Account.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Merrill Gowdy):

- A Parish Communication line will be added to the budget
- Checking on the revenue/expense stream in order to add a third priest
- The Diocesan Assessment was less than budgeted
- Finance Committee will review the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 months budget
  - Will present re-tooled budget by April Vestry meeting

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT (Jim Riddle):

- Front Lawn Presentation:
  - Jim Gamble presented the bid for front lawn irrigation, drainage, lawn care and additional plantings
  - North American Lawn & Landscape is the recommended vendor
  - The bid is as follows:
    - \$14,520 for new construction
    - \$11,982 for maintenance (\$998.50 per month)
  - Funds for this project will come from Maintenance Reserve
  - A motion was approved to spend \$13,200 from Maintenance Reserve for the proposal for improvements to the front lawn
  - Thank you to Jim Gamble and Jim Riddle
- Smoke detection and Preschool Security systems being installed
- Gutter cleaning – need to have yearly maintenance done
- Parish Workday on March 26
- North side of fence will be replaced on April 2

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT (Reid Joyner):

- Mary Jane Gommel will lead the effort for the 2011 Vestry and Convention elections
- Debt Elimination Campaign:
  - \$113,138 committed thus far
  - Not all who have said they would make calls have done so
  - Next phase will be letter writing to begin after Easter

- VPOW asked to open the outside door on the side of the sacristy before services begin and to lock that door before leaving
  - A spot will be reserved outside the sacristy entrance to the church for a family that has handicapped needs
- *Kids for Peace* is an innerfaith camp born out of an Episcopal Church in Jerusalem. We hope to send a rising 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade girl this summer to this camp. Funding will come from the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

RECTOR'S REPORT (Fr. Paul Winton):

- Action Plan for Vision Statements due in April
- Eritrean Church now meeting downstairs in the old youth room and one unused classroom on Sunday mornings
- A motion was approved to accept the addendum to the Letter of Agreement for Deacon Josh Bowron and to move \$7500 from the Vestry Discretionary Fund to fund the interim between Josh' graduation from Sewanee in May and his start date here at St. John's in June

The meeting closed with prayer and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kerry Johnson