

ST. JOHN'S BI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2011

The meeting was opened with prayer following the pot-luck luncheon coordinated by Shelly Bennett.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Pam Larson presented the financial report for 2010, noting how we ended the year in the black, and the proposed budget for 2011. A motion was made by Tom Hillhouse, seconded by Tom Kelly that the budget be adopted.

OUTREACH: Tom Kelly reported on the progress at Bethlehem House in Kenya, and that he can if requested e-mail copies of Lisa Baker's report for those who did not receive them. He reported donations of \$2200 to the Ouray County Food Pantry during the year and additional donations Ridgway Community Pride, the Dolphin House and the Mt. Sneffels Education Foundation. He noted that Carlyne has been named coordinator for school volunteers to mentor students in reading and math skills. He announced the upcoming "Compassion Weekend" for the Ouray County Community which will be June 18th and 19th, an opportunity for providing more than money, a hands on experience in helping the elderly and infirm or those of less fortunate means, doing yard work, window washing and other housing or repair and maintenance projects. The steering committee will need everyone's input as well as volunteer labor.

COTTAGE MEETINGS, VESTRY UPDATE: Gary Bennett reported that at a meeting in December the cottage meeting reports were gathered and discussed, the consensus being there was no enthusiasm for the "shared Priest" concept and regularly scheduled worship services would be hoped for. Cottage Meetings will continue to be important and the hope is to engage everyone, the next one hopefully scheduled for late February or early March, with others in June and September. The groups will be larger and there will be some rotation of participants. He encouraged input from everyone. The Vestry agreed that Pam Larson with her CDI training would facilitate the preparation for transition to a new priest, with JoAnn as resource and consultant. A meeting regarding the process took place January 15th. A meeting required by the Bishop and the Diocese will be held February 13th with Canon Missioner Lou Blanchard. who will bring more information regarding the process. She will explain the "Mission Shaped" concept and what the diocese provides as well as parish responsibilities. JoAnn commended the vestry for their leadership and hard work.

MISCELLANEOUS: Don Paulson reported for Building & Grounds that the expense of the new sidewalk and drainage on the east edge of the property was shared with the neighbors. Doug Richards had agreed to shovel snow on Mondays prior to the Weight Watcher meetings. It was announced that the Trivia Bowl, fund raiser for Mt. Sneffels Foundation will be held February 8th at the Ouray School, following a supper in the cafeteria. Doug and Enid Richards agreed to chair the participation, with Denise Richards agreeing to be a team member. Denis Ford stated that St. Paul's, Montrose has invited us all to their Pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday (March 8th). Everyone was encouraged to take home the Christmas Poinsettias, and oranges shared by the Sibolds.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.
Nancy Rule, Clerk Pro Tem