

ST. JOHN'S
BI-ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011

Prayer: The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Bob Larson.

Agenda: The agenda for the August 2011 Bi-Annual Meeting was distributed. The agenda was approved.

Minutes: The minutes for the August 2010 meeting were distributed for review. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes and they were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Larson reported that as of 7/31 our income was \$8000 less than our expenses. She estimated that by the end of the year our income would be \$2000 more than our expenses. The 2012 budget will increase by 3-5%.

Jr. Warden: Don Paulson summarized some of the tasks and repairs in the past year: a new sidewalk and curb to the east of the church, electrical repairs at the rectory, replacement of the transformers for the windows, cleaning out of the upstairs storage room, railings coming next week for the stairs at the altar, and twelve to twenty-four columbariums in process. All current columbariums have been purchased. A screen will be installed in the kitchen window.

Sr. Warden: Gary Bennett thanked the vestry for all the hard work in the search process for a new rector. He described the process in which there were several interested candidates. The Vickers were here for three days and had meals with each of the vestry members. The vestry decided against having a part-time rector as not in the best interest of the parish.

The offer to Rev. David Vickers as follows was made and accepted. His contract will begin October 1, 2011.

\$47,800 stipend plus pension
Use of the church owned rectory with paid utilities
\$1494.00 in reimbursable job related expenses

Barbara Vickers has accepted a teaching job at the Ouray School and the Vickers will be covered by her medical insurance.

The letter of agreement provides for the St. John's vestry and parish to reserve the right to review and give final approval to any arrangement, including worship service days and times that would result in the rector for St. John's devoting time to St. Paul's or St. Luke's.

Similarly, should the rector consider any employment with another group, company, organization or individual other than St. John's, such employment must be approved by the St. John's vestry.

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At this time, the vestry has decided not to enter into a formal contract with St. Paul's and St. Luke's for cooperative ministry.

Outreach: Tom Kelly reported the Outreach Committee has donated funds to Kairos, Ouray County Wayfarer's Fund, Episcopal Relief, Mt. Sneffels Foundation. Dolphin House in Montrose, Ridgway Community Pride, and Ridgway Cares.

Individual donations made through the St. John's Outreach Committee have been distributed to the Ouray County Food Bank, the Kenya/Bethlehem Home for food sustenance, medical school, pharmaceutical school, seamstress training, and Nicole James' mission trip to Kenya.

Individuals have donated time as representatives of St. John's to the Ouray County Food Bank, Ridgway Cares, Neighbor to Neighbor, Compassion Weekend, and the Ouray School academic volunteer program. The Outreach Committee also funded the Community Retirement Party for Jo Ann Ford at the Backstreet Bistro.

Inreach: Carole Byrom is working with Sara Sharp to reach out to those in the congregation who need meals. If needed, Carole is prepared to have meals for the Vickers when they move. There will be a women's salad luncheon to welcome Barbara Vickers. Nancy Rule thanked those who brought food after her surgery.

Congregational Voices: The Ducketts reminded us that some of our members are from Montrose. Pam Larson and Kentee Pasek are on the steering committee which is working to organize a Young Life program in the community.

Election of Vestry: The following motions were made and approved:

One year extension for the present vestry members due to the rector transition
Affirmation of Jr. Warden Don Paulson for one year
Affirmation of Sr. Warden Gary Bennett until the January Bi-Annual Meeting

The meeting was closed with prayer by Bob Larson.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Allen