

## **ST. JOHN'S VESTRY MEETING – Sunday, January 9, 2012 MINUTES**

The meeting was opened with prayer by Fr. Vivkers at 12:15 PM. Present were the Rev. David Vickers, Gary Bennett, Sr. Warden, Dick Allison, Carole Byrom, Tom Kelly, Bob and Pam Larson and Nancy Rule as clerk pro tem. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes which had been distributed they were approved as presented.

**FINANCIALS:** Pam presented the financial reports, with notes and graphs, stating that totals will change some as she has not seen the final amounts for either the Money Market or the Bond Equity accounts. We ended the year with the operating account in the black but it was agreed that a better cushion is needed for unexpected maintenance and capital improvements. Dick Allison stated we need a policy to make a call for for major repairs expenses in May, another call in November (as we have the past two years) to recover expenses incurred. Tom made a motion, Carole seconded that this policy be adopted. Motion carried. Fr. David questioned why numbers are the way they are, and whether a small committee could get a handle on giving patterns. He wanted it known that it is a high priority for him to see St. John's in a sustainable condition beyond his tenure. Dick Allison will reiterate the importance of giving to the foundation. Bob Larson noted that our emphasis should be on pastoral care. Long range planning for St. John's is needed. Pam needed approval of an audit committee. Dick suggested that committee membership be constituted on a rotating basis. Pam will contact current members. The subject will be revisited at the February meeting. A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Gary to approve the resolution stating the Vickers' housing allowance to be set at \$4800. Motion carried. The columbarium was discussed and a proposed cost of a unit was considered. The cost of maintenance as well as engraving needs to be included. The account balance stands at \$4996 at present.

Tom made a motion, Don seconded to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

**RECTOR'S REPORT:** With regard to the relationship with St. Paul's and David's assignment as Vicar, with Tom Seibert Assistant, to try to stabilize St. Paul's which has no leadership at present other than a Treasurer who has health problems. Their request for a \$12,000 grant came in at only \$6,000 and they have a building they can't afford to maintain. The current occupant has a building program in progress. A Bishop's Committee will meet the following week, followed by an annual meeting and whether or not St. Paul's moves forward will be discovered in the next few months. David sees his role as a catalyst, and his priority that the two dozen people heal. Gary will impart St. John's support to the diocese with the qualifier that it is expected that the diocese and region will provide monetary support. Supply clergy will need to be compensated. David wanted it known that in the future anyone wishing to address the congregation should give him notice some time before any service would begin. Bob Larson's obligation is to be at St. John's two Sundays a month, and one Sunday each at St. Paul's and St. Luke's. He is to be compensated for mileage, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> the cost of clergy conferences and convention expense. The last two have not yet been paid.

**SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT:** The agenda for the annual meeting was discussed and reports needed were itemized. A long range planning retreat was set for January 28<sup>th</sup> with an email to follow.

**JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT:** Don will report the year's activities at annual meeting and it will be attached to minutes.

**OUTREACH:** Tom Kelly will inform the congregation re: giving to Bethlehem Home after March 1st and will inform outside contributors by letter.

**INREACH:** Carole is in the process of geographically establishing CARE groups, with a member of each designated in charge. She needs to know the needs of congregation members. She also expressed concern that the rectory is inadequate for the Vickers' needs. David stated the rectory is an asset and can be sold or leased and that they are okay for now. It was decided that the inadequacy should be mentioned at the annual meeting and see if any opportunities for them should develop.

There being no further business, Pam closed the meeting with prayer at 2:20 PM

Nancy Rule, clerk pro tem