

St. John's Vestry Minutes
October 4, 2009

The Vestry Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. JoAnn at 12:25 P.M. Present were Gary Bennett, Don Paulson, Pam Larson, Tom Kelly, Doug Richards and Bob Larson, Acting Secretary. Minutes of the September meeting were approved as presented.

Pam Larson presented the Treasurer's Report, providing summaries and explanations of the month's activities. It appears that the balance is "fluctuating in the negative" with year-to-date giving being approximately \$4,000 dollars under budget. It is hopeful that year-end giving can correct this deficit but this may require additional effort to inform the congregation of the financial concerns in certain areas. It is proposed to send a letter from the Vestry explaining the operational needs of the Church and include this information with the November giving statements. Pam reported that an \$1800 grant has been received to support JoAnn, Pam & Bob for registration and books for the Church Development Institute (CDI) program starting in November. The Episcopal Foundation is "holding-its-own" in regards to return on investments and seems to be slightly increasing in value recently. Outreach continues to support the Kenya Project and additional money has been raised for the medical technicians. Don made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, with a second from Gary and the motion was passed unanimously.

Pam presented a "Draft" 2010 Budget Proposal and asked Vestry members to review it and make suggestions for the November meeting. With projected shortfalls in giving and increases needed for expenditures, it was proposed to have a vestry retreat on December 5th or 12th to address some of these issues and possibly discuss Mission Partnerships or the "sharing" of clergy by two or more congregations. It will be necessary to re-visit "Core Values", "Vision Statement", and "Goals". Vestry members were asked to contact JoAnn by e-mail to let her know which date would work best. The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for November 1.

JoAnn was scheduled to have a Ouray Clergy meeting on Monday; attend CDI in Colorado Springs on Nov. 6-7 with Pam & Bob; attend Bob's Ordination on Nov. 14; encourage a St. John's Thanksgiving dinner on Nov.26; and help with a community Thanksgiving service on either Nov. 22 or 25. Advertising in the Winter Guide was discussed with Pam making a motion to be included in the Church Directory section, only, for a cost of \$75, rather than the \$200 requested for regular advertising. Tom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New bylaws have been signed, sealed and delivered to the Vestry. It was suggested to copy, scan and send these to the Vestry members and place the originals in the safe-deposit box at the bank.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Larson