

**St. John's Vestry Meeting**  
September 13, 2009

Present:

Jo Ann Ford, Sharon Davarn, Don Paulson, Gary Bennett, Barbara Kneisler, Pam Larson, Kathy McLallen, Doug Richards, Tom Kelly, Carole Byrom, Bob Larson, Eileen Hughes

Jo Ann opened the meeting with prayer

New members of the Vestry are Tom Kelly and Carole Byrom. Each member was asked to give a short personal introduction. Jo Ann spoke on the importance of this time for the future of St. John's and the Episcopal Church in general. Presently St. John's is at a "break even" point both financially and membership-wise. In 2012 Jo Ann plans to retire and St. John's and the Vestry need to plan for the future.

Jo Ann distributed copies of "What Do We the Vestry Do" which outlines the Vestry responsibilities. Pam said that we need job descriptions for the Vestry members. At the Regional Convocation meeting it was stated that the diocese will be tracking required reports being turned in.

**Minutes of last meeting**

The August minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer Report**

Pam reviewed the financial reports. There is a shortfall of \$3544 as of the end of August. An increase of 10% in giving would remove this shortfall. The financial reports were approved. It is time to prepare the 2010 Operating Budget. Pam will have a first draft ready for the next Vestry meeting. Bob offered to give a stewardship sermon.

**Building and Grounds Report**

We need bear proof trash cans. Waste Management has 95 gallon cans for \$280.00. Approval voted for purchase of one can. The current enclosure for trash cans will have to be removed. Painting of the rectory has been completed. Jo Ann reported that the rectory front storm window is cracked and needs to be repaired.

**Rector Report**

A grant has been approved for those attending the Congregational Development Institute. Attendees will be Jo Ann, Bob and Pam. When they return they will give a program on leadership.

Bob Larson, Pam Larson, Vernon Hughes, and Nancy Rule will be our delegates to the Diocesan Convention in Pueblo.

**Outreach**

Bob gave an update on some issues at the Food Bank. Calvary Church, which hosts the Food Bank, has issued some rules regarding who can use the Food Bank. Next Sunday there will be a meeting of the Outreach members to discuss these new restrictions.

**Inreach**

Pam said the next event will be the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Hughes  
Clerk of the Vestry