

Minutes of the Bi-annual Parish Meeting January 24, 2010

Rector Jo Ann Ford called the meeting to order with prayer at 12:30 p.m. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved by Tom Kelly. Ron James seconded.

Treasurer Pam Larson reviewed the 2009 budget. She added that our outreach to Kenya is being supported generously by other churches in the community. Pam then went over the proposed 2010 budget explaining that some small cuts in operating might be noticed by the parish.

Bob Larson presented an overview of the Kenya Project to which many members have committed regular donations. He informed us that because Bethlehem Home has our sum of \$1000 monthly for food, they are working to plan a clinic, dig a water well, and a possible school in the future. At this time we are not sure how long they will need our help for sustenance. Bob received progress reports from Lisa Baker and Habil, and Pam Parker reported that Baylor students will be making a trip to Kenya in the spring.

Jo Ann asked for three people to represent St. Johns at the next diocesan convention.

Regarding the pew Bible project, Jo Ann would like two Bibles in each pew. They cost \$16 each and parishioners may donate to this project if they wish. Jo Ann also announced stewardship gatherings will be taking place in Grand Junction and in Durango on February 20 from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. Interested parishioners should let Jo Ann know. Finally Jo Ann reported that the vestry retreat held on January 16 was very successful.

Sharon Davarn, Senior Warden, reported that stewardship and growth continue to be the goals of St. Johns at this time. She said the vestry will be working this year on long term direction for St. Johns.

Don Paulson, Junior Warden, handed out a list of repairs done to the church in recent years as well as future needs. In addition, there is a need for addition to the columbarium. Don expressed his thanks to Ron James, Dads Ford and Tom Kelley for snow removal and to Barbara Meckel and Tim Pasek for grounds maintenance.

Sue Hilihouse announced the spelling bee to benefit the Mt. Sneffels Education Foundation will be coming up in February and inquired about St. Johns funding a team. Jo Ann suggested a basket be put out for donations and anyone interested in being on a team talk to Sue.

Jo Ann announced that planners of the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper this year on February 15 will make a special effort to include the larger community and Kentee Pasek has volunteered to handle publicity. She also reminded everyone of the Bishop's visit to St. Johns on February 21 which may include a Haitian lunch.

There was a call for adjournment which Tom Hillhoused moved and Dick Allison seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.