

ST. JOHN'S VESTRY MEETING APRIL 11, 2010
MINUTES

Those present were: JoAnn Ford, Sharon Davarn, Pam Larson, Doug Richardson, Carol Byrom, Tom Kelly, Gary Bennett and Nancy Rule.

JoAnn opened the meeting with prayer at 12:05 pm. She had forwarded the March meeting minutes to each member by e-mail. Clarification was requested on the use charge of \$300.00 for weddings. A \$200 deposit is required and the last \$100 is due at the completion of the wedding. Tom Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes, Gary seconded. Motion carried.

Pam Larson presented the financial report, stating that at present we have a negative Balance and she has had to borrow \$2000 from savings, but that we are normally behind at this time of year because of lower attendance and the many first quarter bills. September usually presents a more positive picture She also stated that she had broken out the two reimbursibles for JoAnn and Bob for the Clergy Conference as previously requested by the Vestry. As for Outreach the total for Kenya so far has been \$11,900 which includes the balance from 2009, a little more than income. The Outreach Committee may want to ask for more from those who support the program, depending on additional support from summer residents and visitors. She has disbursed \$750 to the food pantry since the first of the year. There had been some feedback from Habil that a laptop was necessary for one of the students, but it was determined that this would not be appropriate from our regular support budget. Carol made a motion and Sharon seconded to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Pam noted that she's had information from Alpine Bank that two people are needed to process wire transfers, one to set them up, a second to send them for amounts over \$75,000. She had the sense that this might be true in the future for all wire transfers regardless of amount and she would check on that. It was agreed that should it be necessary, Tom Kelly, as Outreach chairperson, would be on a list of three - Pam, JoAnn and Tom - should one of the three be unavailable.

Feedback on Holy Week had been good, with special note of the Good Friday services with Dan Preston preaching. Both congregations were made up of half First Baptist members, half from St. John's. Other Holy Week services had less attendance than usual with several members away for the week

Kick-off Sunday, to be held April 25th, was discussed. This will be to encourage congregational participation on the various committees, each headed by a vestry member. It was noted that Pam Parker has asked to be relieved of the chairmanship for special events.

A "Small Church Conference" will take place in Montrose (at St. Paul's) on April 20, (time assumed to be 10-2, but JoAnn will check). Jo Ann, Carol, Pam and Bob and Gary will attend and Jo Ann will register them. Tom and Gary, Sharon and Pat, and Don and Beth are still working on making contact with other small churches to inquire as to how they respond to size, participation, part time clergy, etc.

Under new business, Jo Ann brought up the summer schedule. It was determined that the 10:30 Sunday Service will be scheduled except for July 4 - perhaps a joint service at the Park will take place joining with First Baptist earlier in the day (8 am). Jo Ann would like to try a 5:30 pm Saturday service for June and July. It would be a different kind of service, still with Eucharist, with Taize music and ambience perhaps. She will go ahead and add it to the Summer Guide ad. It was suggested that a banner be made to advertise the Saturday evening service.

Jo Ann has had a request from a biker's group to use the parish hall for an overnight July 3. She has responded with the information of what happens in Ouray that weekend and expects they may want to change the date. She announced her schedule for the May: 5/4 Clergy Conference; 5/7 to Florida for the Mother's day weekend - Don Henderson will officiate 5/9; 5/14-15 Conference in Delta, on to Buena Vista and attending the 5/18 Standing Committee Meeting in Denver, the CDI meeting and will return 5/22. Her tenure on the standing committee will end after the Diocesan Convention in the Fall. Her vacation time this summer will be August 11th until August 27th.

The next Vestry Meeting will be May 2. Jo Ann discussed the CDI program, the goal of which is to bring the whole church into understanding on what is happening in our church. The congregation has a role to play. A handout was passed around, a diagram of the "Christian Life Model", the elements and dynamics of what life in Christian community should be: worship, doctrine, action and oversight. At the May 2 meeting there will be a discussion, to be expanded to the congregation at the August annual meeting. She asked that each vestry member reflect on his/her own personal place in the spiritual journey and where the congregation needs to go.

Gary asked the status of the prayer garden. Pam said Kentee has been out of town but would be home Wednesday.

Tom Kelly made a motion to adjourn at 1:10 pm.