

St. John's Vestry Meeting - June 6, 2010

Present: JoAnn Ford, Sharon Davarn, Pam Larson, Gary Bennett, Tom Kelly, Don Paulson, Barbara Kneisler, Carole Byrom, Eileen Hughes. Absent: Doug Richardson.

JoAnn opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes for April and May were distributed. JoAnn also distributed a meditation from Galatians 4: 12-20 and an accompanying comment dealing with the struggles of the early Christian communities as related to current struggles in congregations.

She expressed concern regarding the lack of volunteers for Sunday School teachers. To date, Sue Hillhouse has had two volunteers. Carol Byrom additionally volunteered to teach.

The minutes from April and May were reviewed and approved. There were eight people at the first Saturday 5:30 p.m. service.

Financial Report: Pam Larson said the letter has gone out to the congregation regarding our financial situation. She took \$1000 out of savings this month, making a total of \$9000 from savings used to cover this year's expenses. The current shortfall is \$13,500. The Outreach account is remaining steady with not quite so much coming in. There was discussion as to how to make the financial reports easier for the congregation to understand. The financial report was approved.

We have one columbarium left. The current charge is \$250.00. Future charges will be determined based on the construction cost for new spaces.

Outreach: Tom Kelly reported that Donna Whiskerman is trying to develop a "Miracle Weekend," possibly in August, during which there would be volunteer projects such as handicap ramps or painting a house. Colleen Hollenbeck and Tom Kelly will be our representatives on a steering committee.

On July 4 there will be no service at St. John's. The gazebo in the town park has been reserved for an 8:00 a.m. ecumenical service. Jo Ann along with other church leaders will be presenting the service.

JoAnn's target retirement date is January 1, 2012. In preparation, Vestry members are contacting other small Episcopal churches regarding part-time, full-time, and shared priest situations and how these churches are handling the various arrangements. A report on this issue will be compiled for presentation at the August annual meeting.

JoAnn closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Eileen Hughes