

St. Mary's Anglican Church

April 14th, 2011

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Fr. Michael Sclafani, Rector
Dcn. Jane Williams, Clergy
Kyle Campbell, Clerk

Ginny Engle, Member
Tom Metry, Member
Judy Wilson, Treasurer

Deo Bartolome, Member

Members Absent:

Jack Van Patten, Member

Gerald Hatler, Jr. Warden

1) Opening Prayer/Devotional

- a) The meeting was called to order with devotion at 6:31pm. Devotion was based on Matthew 11:29 Hebrews 12:6.

2) Call to Order and Verify a Quorum

- a) Role was taken, and it was verified that a quorum was present.

3) Moved to Closed Session

- a) Came out of executive session at 6:46pm.

4) On April 11, 2011 Fr. Michael received official notice from Peter Cabbiness that he has resigned from Vestry, and that he and his family have resigned their membership from the parish for personal reasons.

5) Minutes of March 9, 2011 Vestry Meeting

- a) A motion to accept March 9th, 2011 Vestry Meeting Minutes was made by Judy Wilson, and seconded by Deo Bartolome. Minutes were approved unanimously. Ginny abstained from voting as she had been absent to the last meeting.

6) Treasurer's Financial Report

- a) Treasurer reports were received.
- b) Profit Loss. \$6,000 was received from the State of CA as reimbursement for the Tree Grant mulch. The \$6,000 was originally borrowed from the Money Market Account and has now been repaid back to that same account. The \$6,000 Tree Grant income in the main account was not to be counted towards profit, as it was moved back to the Money Market Account.
- c) Diocesan Assessment was higher in March because February and March had been paid in March.
- d) Initial internet set up was higher this month due to the minimal installation fee, and Comcast was still paid for April.
- e) Repairs and Maintenance: Paid to get weed abatement completed \$280.00.

- f) Flood Control Assessment was also paid.
- g) Telephone had been switched over to Comcast, so the final bill to ATT and Quest had also been paid
- h) Rector's Insurance: HSA account check had not been paid in April; however, March and April had been paid together at the end of March.
- i) \$10,112.57 balance of checking account. As of March, the money transferred from the Market Money Account for the first quarter had not yet been utilized.
- j) Line Item #8803: A check for almost \$500 was previously returned for insufficient funds. That check was from a family who attended the Parish Retreat at ECCO in January. We are waiting for a replacement check from that family. Until the check is replaced this line item will show a negative balance.
- k) A donation of \$400 was received from a parishioner to replace the treasurer's laptop.
- l) Youth Group Accounts
 - i) \$368.88 total remaining in their account
 - (1) \$100 was utilized for the Christian Concert at the Savemart Center.
 - (2) The Irish Stew Luncheon fundraiser grossed \$420. That income will be reflected in the Youth Group Account reports next month.

7) Property Reports

- a) Jr. Warden's Report
 - i) Jr. Warden was not present to give his report.
- b) Weed Abatement
 - i) Weed abatement services were used to cut down and spray weeds on the property by Hill Top Lawn Service at a cost of \$280.
 - ii) Hill Top Lawn Care will be used to maintain the church grounds beginning in April. The reason for the change was because the previous contractor was not able to provide proper IRS related paperwork. Hilltop Lawn Care is licensed and insured.
- c) Library Project:
 - i) Gerald Hatler and Fr. Michael looked at the large bookshelf in the sacristy and plan to move it to the Bishop Rivera Education Center to be used for a parish library.
 - ii) It was mentioned that the room should be painted, as the walls currently are simply covered in primer. Once the bookshelf is in place, volunteers will be invited to paint.
- d) Roof Leak
 - i) Gerry inspected the area of the leak, and during the last rainstorm, Gerry again inspected, but was unable to detect the leak.

8) Other Reports

- a) Deacon Jane
 - i) No report
- b) Sr. Warden Stewardship and Fundraiser's Report
 - (1) None
- c) Youth Ministry Report
 - i) Youth Group attended the *Rock and Worship Roadshow* at the Savemart Center on Sunday 3/13/11. Some enjoyed it, some didn't, so it had mixed reviews. There was an excellent turnout at the concert.
 - ii) Youth Group held and Irish Stew Luncheon Fundraiser on Sunday 3/20/11. Net was approximately \$100 which covered the cost for the group to attend the *Rock and Worship Roadshow*.

9) TEC vs. DSJ Lawsuit Update

- a) TEC filed a motion to consolidate all of the independent churches files to bring all of the lawsuits together so they can argue their points to try to save money. The court denied their request for the motion.
- b) Each case will be heard in their perspective court.

10) Diocesan/Deanery, Ecumenical, and Area Church News.

- a) The Grove Community Church used St. Mary's for a funeral on Saturday 3/19/11 Thanks extended to the parish
- b) Pastor Michael Engel used St. Mary's to marry his son on Saturday 4/2/11. Thanks extended to the Parish
- c) The IBBC Church did not use St. Mary's for a Wedding on Sunday 4/3/11. May be rescheduled at a later date.
- d) Special Diocesan Election Convention is scheduled for Saturday 5/14/11.

11) Old Business

- i) The candidates for bishop were at St. James Cathedral on Friday 4/1/11. Our clergy met with the candidates at 3 pm, and our delegates met with the candidates at 6:30am.

12) New Business

i) Music Ministry Team Leader Shannon Campbell

- (1) Father Michael had been informed by Shannon that due to economic realities that we all have been in, she has been looking at ways to supplement her family's income. Shannon plays at St. Mary's three weeks out of the month and at St. Phillip's church in Coalinga once a month. St. Phillip's pay her a stipend when she plays there. St. Phillip's has offered a weekly position to Shannon. If she were to accept St. Philip's offer, St. Mary's would be left without a Music Ministry Team Leader. After a conversation with Shannon, Father Michael suggested the possibility of paying a stipend of \$50 a week, with the approval of the Vestry. Shannon Campbell will receive a \$50 stipend a week for the ministry. Motion was made by Ginny Engle, and seconded by Judy Wilson. The topic went up for discussion. Tom mentioned that he was concerned that St. Philip's would be without their music minister. Father Michael mentioned that Shannon's home congregation is here. For now Shannon would continue to go to Coalinga on the third Sunday of the month. Fr. Michael said he feels that the music program in the last two months has taken a big step forward, and regular attendance by members of the Music Ministry Team seems to be getting better and more regular. He also noted the addition of Tina-Marie to the team. Tom mentioned taking donations to supplement paying Shannon a stipend. Ginny mentioned that there is so much that Shannon does, Saturday and Sunday services, inserts, etc. Ginny also stated that it wouldn't be right to solicit donations in front of Shannon, and Kyle stated that even if it wasn't done out in the open, one way or another, with the choir, word would get back to her. Father Michael mentioned that this is not a "project" like a new roof or repaving the parking lot. We are talking about paying a fraction of the going rate for a Music Ministry Team Leader, and we are just beginning to pay for services that have been done. The reality of all of us soliciting donations and promoting good stewardship as the economic picture always needs help. Vote was unanimous with Kyle abstaining from voting for personal reasons.

ii) Other New Business

- (1) Pastor Deo Bartolome proposed forming a ministry group of lay members from the parish to do home visitations to the less active members of the parish, to determine their problems, and pray for them, and minister to them. Deo took a list of parish members to pray for them. He wants to know their needs so that he can pray for them.
 - (a) 1 Corinthians 12:25-26. Many parts, one body. "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it..."
 - (b) Ephesians 4:13 "speaking the truth in love . . . the body is joined and held together . . ."
 - (c) We must know them individually. We must visit them. Active, not so active, and those who come once in a while. For those that are not so active, they must have problems, we must meet their needs, and show them that we want to help them. When one suffers, the whole body suffers.

- (d) Deacon Jane weighed in on the suggestion stating that there was a group proposal to meet and greet and have fellowship with the less active members. This has been discussed before and it is the consensus that St. Mary's needs to pursue this matter and expand this ministry for our church. She mentioned inviting people to her home for a meal.
- (e) Tom mentioned the importance of demonstrating Christian love, whether or not they come to our church or not.
- (f) Father Michael stated that witness to others is the motive, not necessarily growing the parish. Growth would be a side benefit.

13) Announcements/Reminders

- a) Saturday 1928 Service has been temporarily suspended and will be reviewed again in the fall.
- b) Palm Sunday: Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist at 8pm and 10:30 am
- c) Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar 6:30pm. Kyle and Shannon Campbell will supervise a "vigil watch" in the church from 8pm to midnight.
- d) Good Friday: Good Friday Service at 6:30pm. Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm
- e) Holy Saturday: The Great Easter Vigil at 8pm
- f) Easter Morning: Festive H.E. II at a single combined service at 9:30pm
- g) Fr. Michael will be at an SSC Retreat 5/2/11 thru 5/4/11 at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Three Rivers, CA.

14) Next Vestry Meeting

- a) May 12th, 2011 at 6:30pm.

15) Closing Prayer & Adjourn

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm with a prayer.