

St. Mary's Anglican Church
May 12th, 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
Jack Van Patten, Member
Gerald Hatler, Jr. Warden

Members Absent:

none

I. Opening Prayer/Devotional:

II. Call to Order and Verify a Quorum

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm and it was verified that there was a quorum present.

III. Minutes of the April 14th Vestry Meeting:

- a. Judy Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes.
- b. Motion seconded by Deo Bartolome
- c. Vote was unanimous

IV. Treasurer's Financial Reports

- a. The treasurer's reports are received
- b. Item #3001. We did not get a bill for PGE for this month, so there may be a double charge for next month. No notices were received either.
- c. As of May, all missionary funds were paid out. Each quarter funds donated by parishioners for missions are sent off to their designated mission.
- d. A new line item will be created for "Building Fund"
- e. #8803 is still a negative amount as we are still awaiting a check from a family for the church retreat.
- f. Month by Month Giving Analysis. Incomes have been up, not tremendously, but have been up each month compared to last year. In April of last year, there were three substantial memorial offerings, which skewed the results. Without the special offerings, we are showing an increase trend by about \$500 from last year.

V. Property Reports

- a. Jr. Warden's Report
 - i. Parish Clean-up Day. Saturday June 4th, 9am – 1pm
 - ii. Book Shelves: Tom Metry inquired as to the moving of the bookshelves, and Jerry said that it is not on the agenda to be done yet.
- b. Lawn and Tree Maintenance
 - i. Father Michael mentioned that we changed the company due to the paperwork from previous company. We now go through Hilltop Lawncare. First week, the lawn care was great, and as the weeks went on, the quality declined. The owner of Hilltop mentioned to Father Michael that he had underestimated the cost of maintaining our property, and Father Michael began looking into other companies. We are now going through CleanCut. There was a lot that the last company didn't do, and the new company spent a whole day here catching up on what hadn't been done. He will be doing some of the weed control on a weekly basis (around basketball court, Bishop Rivera, etc.). We had paid

previous company to cut and spray for March, and was to return in April, and did not. Cleancut will be then paid for the rest of the cleanup that Hilltop failed to do in regards to Weed Abatement.

- ii. A number of trees were trimmed as well. Fr. Michael and Andrew Sclafani spent a day working on pruning trees on the church campus. Some of the guys that play basketball came over and helped Father Michael and Andrew haul the cut branches to a temporary area awaiting the cleanup day to have the branches hauled away.
- iii. Deacon Jane had inquired about the bushes that are growing up to the height of the mural, and voiced her concern that the bushes will cover the mural. Father Michael stated that the trimming hadn't got that far, but it will be done.

VI. Other Reports

- a. Deacon Jane
 - i. A group went to visit Jane Lehman. It was well received and they are planning on doing that to visit Frank Ficklin and others.
 - ii. 144 lambs were painted. 250 total are needed. The lambs are for the VBS program.
- b. Stewardship and Fundraisers Report
 - i. There is not a report. Father Michael asked if there was any member of the Vestry that would be interested in heading up the committee. The focus right now is on fundraising, but in the fall the emphasis is more on stewardship.
 - ii. It was inquired as to whether or not calls to members of the congregation regarding their pledge cards had ever been completed, and it was mentioned that it was believed that they had not been started.
 - iii. This will be revisited at the next meeting.
- c. Youth Ministry Report
 - i. Youth Ministry Leadership Team meets Friday 5/13.
- d. TEC vs. DSJ Lawsuit Update
 - i. Nothing new on the TEC vs. our Diocese lawsuit. One significant setback for the Episcopal Church. St. James in Newport has been in an ongoing suit, and recently won from the Supreme Court sending it back to the Appellate level.
- e. Diocesan/Deanery, Ecumenical, and Area Church News
 - i. Special Diocesan Election Convention this Saturday 5/14/11. Fr Michael explained the voting process for the Bishop.

VII. Old Business

- a. Holy Week Services. It was the first time for a combined service and it went well. The turnout was good.

VIII. New Business

- a. Vacant Vestry Seats
 - i. Father Michael posed the question as to whether the Vestry feels it necessary to fill vacant vestry seat(s) at this time, or should we simply wait for the next vestry election?
 - ii. Tom Metry inquired as to the terms of the vacant seats we have. He mentioned that if the seat is only for a year, it is not as important because by the time we fill that seat, it will be time to vote again.
 - iii. Father Michael instructed vestry members to talk to other members of the congregation to find out who might be interested. Father Michael must confirm

that potential candidates meet the eligibility requirements as set by canons and bylaws. Names will be brought to the next Vestry meeting, and voted upon

IX. Announcements/Reminders

- a. Memorial Day Weekend: The Church Office will be closed for Memorial Day on Tuesday, May 31 (Monday is a regular day off)
- b. Fr. Michael Vacation Time: Fr. Michael will be taking some mid-week vacation days in June and July
- c. IBBC Church use: Weddings on June 12 and 19 from 2-6pm
- d. Camp H2O at ECCO: July 17-21 for High School age youth
- e. VBS at St. Mary's: July 26-29, 5pm-8pm
- f. Camp San Joaquin: for Elementary and Middle age Youth
- g. Consecration of our new Bishop: Sept. 24 at People's Church in Fresno
- h. Annual Diocesan Convention: Oct. 21-23 at St. James' Cathedral in Fresno
- i. Enthronement of new Bishop: Oct. 23 at St. James' Cathedral

X. Next Vestry Meeting

- a. June 14th, at 6:30pm. We will be skipping a meeting in June.

XI. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

- a. The meeting was closed with a prayer and adjourned at 7:52pm