

St. John's Parish  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2016

Present: Bill Alexander, Sr. Warden; Iris Heichel, Howard Whittington, Glenda Fuller, Betty Thompson, Charles Chaney, Jr. Warden; Bob Speelman, Chip Sealing, Canon Kim Baker, Interim Rector; Sherri Burkholder, Pieter Bickford & Jason Weibel

Absent: Becca Burford, David Davis, Treasurer; Bruce Massey & Margaret Clinch, Associate for Youth & Young Adults

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
- II. A motion was made by Charles Chaney to accept the 3.16.2016 Vestry minutes as printed.
  - a. Seconded by Bob Speelman
  - b. Motion passed
- III. Reports
  - a. Senior Warden—Bill Alexander
    - i. Reflected upon a passage in Exodus
    - ii. Encouraged collaboration
    - iii. More responsibilities than just attending a monthly meeting
    - iv. Listen to parish concerns
  - b. Treasurer's Report—submitted by title
    - i. Income & expense statements do not reflect infusions from endowments
    - ii. Giving is down by 11%
    - iii. Fabric & Grounds is over budget by 10%
    - iv. Christian Stewardship asked for recommendations
  - c. Junior Warden's Report—Charles Chaney
    - i. Kitchen Task Force
      1. Members are Bob & Susan Rauth, Betty Markle, Bob Speelman & Charles Chaney
      2. Received bids for the kitchen roof & stove hood
      3. Roof is first priority
      4. Investigating possibility of moving the stove
    - ii. 20 people participated in the Parish Clean-Up
    - iii. Parishioners Suggestions
      1. Publicity Committee to publicize parish activities
      2. Sound Amplification
        - a. Moving microphone on pulpit has improved sound
        - b. Suggested amplification of Children's Choir
      3. Mentoring New Members
        - a. Balance between encouraging participation & pressuring
        - b. Welcoming Luncheon held 2 weeks ago
  - d. St. John's Shelter—submitted by title
- IV. Old Business
  - a. A motion was made by Bill Alexander and seconded by Pieter Bickford to recognize Becca Burford & Theresa Taylor as Ministers of the month'
    - i. Work with the Cold Weather Shelter
    - ii. Motion passed

- b. Bester Community of Hope
    - i. Representatives from 15 churches met
    - ii. Teams will contact residents to identify and address needs
  - c. Grocery Card Sales
    - i. Search & Outreach Commission has assumed responsibility for sales
    - ii. Proceeds to benefit Appalachian Service Project
- V. New Business
- a. Search Committee Report—submitted by title
    - i. Committee will require guidance on compensation
    - ii. Review Diocesan requirements
    - iii. Christian Stewardship asked to make recommendations
  - b. Recycling
    - i. Dumpster has been obtained
    - ii. Cost \$35 monthly
  - c. Customaries
    - i. Interim Rector has asked various groups to provide written procedures
    - ii. Helpful to future volunteers and staff
  - d. Seeing the Face of God Workshop
    - i. Will be held the evening of 4/28 & 4/29
    - ii. Sr. Warden, Iris Heichel & Parish staff will be attending
  - e. Parish Van Driving/Supervisor
    - i. Kevin Hebb not able to continue due to work requirements
    - ii. Looking for volunteers
  - f. A motion was made by Pieter Bickford & seconded by Bob Speelman to authorize \$1,600 for expenses Appalachian Service Project.
    - i. 2<sup>nd</sup> installment
    - ii. Cover travel expenses for 8 people
    - iii. Motion passed
  - g. A motion was made by Bob Speelman and seconded by Charles Chaney to authorize \$3,704.54 to replace steam valve.
    - i. Valve located in line that heats the nave
    - ii. Motion passed
- VI. Commissions
- a. Christian Stewardship
    - i. Reviewed suggestion to split Commission into Stewardship & Finance
    - ii. Will continue in current form, but focus on finances
  - b. Service & Outreach
    - i. Distributing Personal Blessing Bags (toiletries) at Community Café
    - ii. Request donation of either toiletries (full size) or money
    - iii. Plastic grocery bags also needed
  - c. Parish Life
    - i. Next month sign up for Vestry Summer lemonade
    - ii. Parish Picnic 5/22 & 8/28
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted;

Ruth Ann Ogle, Registrar

## Junior Warden's Report

For the past month I have met with the kitchen taskforce as we obtained estimates for kitchen roof repair and hood replacement. Consensus so far is for roof repair and additional kitchen storage on the east side of the stage. We continue to look at various options and work flow in the kitchen while weighing financing the project in these times of financial constraint.

I have had two contractors look at the kitchen steps which permit flooding of Trimble Hall. Two bids are forthcoming and a third option is being pursued. Fabric and Grounds will consider.

A good portion of our historic records have been scanned into the church server with another 6-7 hours of scanning to complete the project.

I plan a Sunday presentation on St. Etiennes and also on the Holy Trinity Music School. The St. Etiennes' Church dedication/consecration is planned for later this month.

Charles Chaney, Junior Warden