

**St Joseph of Arimathea
Vestry Meeting Minutes
02/24/10**

Present: Father Jody Howard, Sarena Pettit, Cora Janson, Kim Waltenbaugh, George Fossey, Bill McMinn, Jeanne Rose, JoAnne Kemp, and John Broome.

Not Present: Nell Nestor, Paul Love, Thom Chittom

The meeting began at 6:30 PM with an opening prayer led by Father Jody followed by a discussion of principles of church leadership and “3d” groups.

The agenda and the minutes from the Vestry Retreat (02/06/10) were read and approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Cora Janson distributed a report to the vestry informing them that as of 02/24 St. Joseph’s has \$80,694.05 in total funds of which \$24,643.57 is in the operating account and \$56,050.48 is in the savings account. All bills presented as of 02/23 have been paid.

Cora noted that, following recent fundraising activities, checks have been sent to the 2nd Base Foundation (Mardi Gras) and the Hendersonville Samaritan Association (Souper Bowl Sunday). She informed the vestry that the cost of lawn maintenance had been added back to the budget and that health insurance for Father Jody would be less than expected. The issue of what to do with the \$600 annual contribution to the Anglican Communion Network that is now defunct was also discussed.

Bill McMinn made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, JoAnne Kemp seconded and the vestry approved unanimously.

George Fossey made a motion that Cora and Paul will look into areas of the budget where we have overallocated funding to see where those funds can be moved. JoAnne Kemp seconded and the vestry approved unanimously.

Priest’s Report

Father Jody reported that he and Paul Love have a meeting scheduled for 02/26 with a representative from “Church Insurance” and are hoping that the church will be able to save 10-15% on the cost of insurance.

Father Jody also informed the vestry that US Bank will not open or change any of St. Joseph’s accounts given the current wording of our resolutions. Paul Love and Father Jody will revise this and return it to US Bank on Friday.

Father Jody related that the Diocesan Convention had passed a resolution asking congregations to study the proposed Anglican Covenant and submit responses to the diocese in October. He explained that this is a document that was defined by a commission established by the Arch Bishop of Canterbury as a mechanism to work out disagreements.

Christian Formation Schedule:

A schedule for the upcoming Sunday Priest’s Forum and Lenten Series was presented.

Father Jody reported that he had been approached by P.E.S.T, inc about increasing the monthly fee from \$30 to \$40. Bill McMinn was tasked with determining what is covered by this fee and also with calling around to check prices of other companies.

Father Jody passed on the Men of the Church's concern that they would no longer be able to provide paper products and other items for the undercroft and their request that the vestry find another source. JoAnne Kemp and Jeanne Rose said that the Hospitality Commission would take over keeping an inventory of these items. It was also mentioned that we need to take advantage of tax breaks when making purchases.

Father Jody announced that Kim Waltenbaugh has agreed to be the Church Historian.

Senior Warden

George Fossey distributed a report thanking Nell Nestor and Bob Lindsey for their service as Senior and Junior Wardens and welcoming Bill McMinn to his post as the new Junior Warden.

Junior Warden

Bill McMinn commended Bob Lindsey on the good condition he had kept the church in. He stated that he would talk to the trash collection company about doing a better job of taking everything or we will need to consider switching companies. He is also planning to arrange a spring clean up day. Bill noted that he would need a set of keys to the church.

Bill made a motion to establish a Buildings and Grounds Community, which Jeanne Rose seconded and the vestry approved unanimously.

Mercy Ministries

Sarena Pettit reported on the success of the Sunday Lunch Program. Sarena will work with ECW, MOC, etc. to determine who will purchase the food for upcoming visits scheduled for March 7th and June 6th.

Sarena noted that six families had been given food and gifts for Christmas donated by church members, ECW, and MOC. Additionally, about \$3,400 had been raised for the 2nd Base Foundation through the Mardi Gras fund raiser. \$500 was also raised for Hendersonville Samaritan Association via the "Souper Bowl Sunday" collection.

Youth and Christian Education

Father Jody said that Thom Chittom had agreed to chair this commission and that the commission had recently met.

Communications

Kim Waltenbaugh reported that she has taken over putting the Grail and the secretary will be responsible for mailing it out. Bill McMinn asked that the next issue of the Grail include a thanks to Nell Nestor and Bob Lindsey for their work leading the vestry.

Worship

JoAnne Kemp made a motion to combine the Worship and Evangelism Commissions into one commission. Jeanne Rose seconded and the vestry approved unanimously.

Adam Waltenbaugh has agreed to chair this new commission. JoAnne Kemp volunteered to help him get the group together and prepare for Easter.

Evangelism

See the statement above about combining with the Worship Commission.

George Fossey distributed a report advertising the upcoming Magnetic Church Evangelism Seminar to be held at St. George's Church March 15th-16th.

Finance

No report

New Business

Jeanne Rose made a motion to name the undercroft "St. Francis Undercroft". Bill McMinn seconded and the vestry approved unanimously.

Bill McMinn made a motion to present a plaque dedicating the "St. Francis Undercroft" and the Unification of St. Joseph's and St. Francis' churches. Jeanne Rose seconded and the vestry approved unanimously.

Father Jody noted the following recent commission chair appointments:

Nell Nestor – Finance

Thom Chittom – Youth and Christian Education

Adam Waltenbaugh – Worship and Evangelism

The meeting ended with a prayer led by Father Jody.

Next vestry meeting: 03/17/10.

Respectfully submitted,

John Broome

