

St Joseph of Arimathea
Vestry Meeting Minutes
12/16/09

The meeting was held at the home of Donna Holt and began at 6:30 PM with an opening prayer and blessing of the meal led by Mother Jill. Being held in conjunction with a Christmas meal, this meeting did not follow the normal convention of warden and commission reports, etc.

Present: Mother Jill Zook-Jones, Donna Holt, Nell Nestor, Cora Janson, Bill McMinn, Sarena Pettit, George Fossey, Paul Love, Jeanne Rose, Bob Lindsey, JoAnne Kemp, and John Broome.

Not Present: Mike Shepherd

Following Nell Nestor's introduction to the issue, Paul Love put forth a motion to adopt a resolution that out of the total compensation of \$48,000 to be paid to Rev. Joseph B. Howard, \$26,000 will go to his housing allowance. Bob Lindsey seconded this motion and the vestry passed it unanimously. Paul stated that he would send the resolution to Father Jody and provide the vestry clerk with a copy (see Attachment 1).

Nell Nestor brought the attention of the vestry to the issue of choosing between the photocopier leases of St. Francis and St. Joseph, both being with RJ Young. Nell related Father Jody's desire that the church take over St. Francis' copier lease and the diocese take over St. Joseph's existing lease.

After a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of both copiers, Paul Love made a motion to "exchange leases between St. Francis, St. Joseph, and the diocese, with St. Joseph taking the former St. Francis copier machine and the existing St. Joseph machine being transferred to the diocese office with the stipulation that:

- 1) The lessor (RJ Young) agrees to transfer the lease.
- 2) The incremental cost to St. Joseph is covered by the funds transferred from St. Francis for the term of the lease.
- 3) The Diocese provides a letter of indemnity before Friday (prior to the move)."

Sarena Pettit seconded the motion and the vestry voted. The motion passed with a vote of 5 to 3:

For – Bill McMinn, Sarena Pettit, George Fossey, Paul Love, Bob Lindsey

Against – Donna Holt, Joanne Kemp, Nell Nestor

Paul agreed to call Father Jody after the vestry meeting to let him know the outcome.

The Diocese has requested that St. Joseph's vestry and St. Francis' mission council sign a joint resolution of unification. Nell passed around a resolution (see Attachment 2) that Father Jody had requested that the vestry review and sign at tonight's meeting. Father Jody would take care of getting signatures from the mission council.

At Cora Janson's suggestion, a motion was made to designate the plate offering on January 6th to Father Jody's discretionary fund and place a basket at the dinner table for donations to pay for the fund.

JoAnne Kemp seconded the motion and the vestry passed it unanimously.

At Mother Jill's suggestion, Paul Love made a motion to allocate an additional \$200 to the priest's discretionary fund to use for Christmas gifts for the church staff. JoAnne Kemp seconded and the vestry approved unanimously.

Sarena Pettit made the vestry aware that the following Saturday (December 19th, Father Jody and others at St. Francis would like help moving things from St. Francis church to St. Joseph's.

At Bob Lindsey's suggestion, George Fossey made a motion for the church to spend \$1,800 to hire M & M's Coatings to repaint the outside of the church, pressure clean the steeple and sidewalk, paint railings, caulk, and replace wood trim, etc. The vestry thought that this was very reasonable, Sarena Pettit seconded the motion and the vestry approved it unanimously.

Next vestry meeting: 01/20/10.

Respectfully submitted,
John Broome

Please see attachments below.

Attachment 1

Resolution and Letter for Housing Allowance

Resolution

(for inclusion in the official minutes)

The Vestry of Saint Joseph of Arimathea on this 16th day of December, 2009, after discussing the amount to be paid to the Rev. Joseph B. Howard as a parsonage allowance, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas on January 1st, 2010 the Rev. Joseph B. Howard will begin his employment as a minister of the Gospel at St. Joseph of Arimathea Episcopal Church, Hendersonville TN, which does not provide a residence for him, the vestry resolves that of the total compensation of \$48,000 to be paid to the Rev. Joseph B. Howard during 2010, that \$26,000 be designated as parsonage allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986.

Letter to Cleric

This is to advise that at a meeting of the vestry held on the 16th day of December, 2009, your parsonage allowance for the year 2010 was officially designated and fixed as follows:

the vestry resolves that of the total compensation of \$48,000 to be paid to the Rev. Joseph B. Howard during 2010, that \$26,000 be designated as parsonage allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986.

Under Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Codes, an ordained minister of the gospel is allowed to exclude from gross income the parsonage allowance paid to him (her) as part of his (her) compensation to the extent used by him (her) to provide a home.

The amount of money excluded from federal income tax is the lowest of the following amounts:

1. Fair rental value of the house, furnished, plus utilities.
2. Actual amount spent.
3. Amount specified in the vestry minutes before the money is paid.

You should keep an accurate record of your expenditures to rent or provide a home to be able to substantiate any amounts excluded from gross income in filing your federal income tax return.

Letter from realtor (see attached)

Attachment 2

On the dissolution of St. Francis Church, Goodlettsville and the unification of St. Francis with St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville TN.

Jointly submitted by the Mission Council of St. Francis Church, Goodlettsville and the Vestry of St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville.

RESOLVED: That the Mission Council of St. Francis Church, Goodlettsville formally request that this Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee dissolve the mission of St. Francis Church, Goodlettsville TN. And be it further

RESOLVED: under the provisions of Canon 15.2 of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee, that the Mission Council of St. Francis Church and the Vestry of St. Joseph of Arimathea request that the Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee and this 178th convention of the diocese approve the unification of these congregations into one parish, which will continue to be known as St. Joseph of Arimathea, Hendersonville.