

**St. Joseph of Arimathea  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
09/15/10**

**Present:** Father Jody Howard, Cora Janson, Kim Waltenbaugh, George Fossey, Bill McMinn, Nell Nestor, Thom Chittom, and Sarena Pettit.

**Not Present:** JoAnne Kemp, Paul Love, Jeanne Rose.

The meeting began at 6:30 PM. The minutes from the previous vestry meeting (08/18/10) were approved as amended. (Bill made the motion to approve the minutes, and Sarena seconded the motion. All were in favor.)

**Priest's Report**

- Fr. Jody reported that the ASAs were 28 and 62 for the 8:00 and 10:30 services, respectively, for August 22–September 12.
- One more person is to be interviewed for the secretary's position. Fr. Jody hopes to make a selection during the first part of October.

**Senior Warden**

- George attended the first meeting of the Liturgical Sub-Committee, which was set up by the Bishop to formulate a way to honor participants in liturgical ministry.
- The draft of the position description to retain Fr. Jody as our Priest-in-Charge/Rector has been acknowledged by the Diocesan Office. Vestry members need to sign the document, which will form part of the Letter of Agreement that was signed in February 2010.
- All are urged to read the Anglican Covenant Document. All comments need to be to George before October 15.

**Junior Warden**

- Bill's son-in-law was unable to clear the hill on the side of the property nearest Gallatin Road. Larger equipment will be needed to clear the undergrowth. George suggested calling M&W Mowing.
- Steve Yeldell is going to help with re-keying the church. We'll have four types of keys. One key will fit all exterior doors. Another will include some interior rooms. A third type will fit all doors except for the priest's office. The fourth type will fit all doors. Re-keying the church will cost approximately \$1500 (price includes the cost of keys). Bill made a motion to spend this amount of money on re-keying the church. George seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**Stewardship and Finance Commission**

- Nell Nestor reported that the Stewardship and Finance Commission met on September 8. The theme for this year's stewardship drive will be "Abounding Grace".

- Pledge packets will be available October 3.
- A series of stewardship dinners will be held in parishioners' homes starting October 9.
- The stewardship drive will conclude on November 21. That Sunday, parishioners will bring a pledge token (or their card if not returned already) and a nonperishable food item to the altar at communion. A Thanksgiving dinner will be held following the 10:30 service that Sunday.
- All committees are needed to help this stewardship drive be a successful one. For example, the Christian Ed committee will need to direct the children in decorating boxes to hold donated nonperishable items.
- Fr. Jody wants to finish the stewardship letter (to be signed by all vestry members) soon.
- Goal is 100% participation (not just monetary, but also giving of time, etc.)

### **Mercy Ministries Commission**

The commission met on Sept. 12.

The next delivery of Sunday Lunch will be Oct. 3. Vestry members are encouraged to participate.

The Garden Party raised more than \$4700 for the Companion Church program.

Some changes may need to be made in the way we support Jesus el Señor due to the decline in numbers and grades at the school. We are paid up through January 2011. One possibility may be to support a trade school or to supply equipment for skilled workers in the community. Cora suggested looking into funding an after-school program at the church.

Betty Ryan's estate sale is still under consideration by the executrix of Betty's estate. Because of the amount of work that it would take to bring everything over to the church for the sale, an auction at Betty's house may be an a more viable option.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Cora Janson distributed a report to the vestry informing them that as of 09/15/10 St. Joseph's has \$88,894.37 in total funds, of which \$32,678.91 is in the operating account and \$56,215.46 is in the savings account. All bills presented as of 09/14 have been paid.
- The \$6,000 going into a restricted fund for connecting to the city's sewer system at a future date has not yet been moved into that fund.
- Bill made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Sarena seconded, and the vestry approved unanimously.

### **Other Business**

- The progress of the photo directory was discussed. Fr. Jody said that we need one more photo day to finish up the directory, but that a phone list could be distributed at any time.
- One of our nursery workers, Shameka Dowell, has resigned. Discussion began about whether to hire another worker, or to ask for volunteers to work in the nursery on a rotation. Thom felt that having two workers in the nursery would have a positive effect on visitors with families. Thom made the motion to hire a nursery worker to take Shameka's place. George seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

- Dedication of the undercroft will take place on Oct. 10 between the services.
- There was some discussion about when to hold the Blessing of the Animals. This will most likely be on the afternoon of Oct. 10.
- The Abounding Grace survey needs to be reviewed by vestry members, with any comments given to Fr. Jody by Sunday, September 19.

The meeting ended with a prayer led by Father Jody.

Next vestry meeting: 10/20/10

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Waltenbaugh