

St. Anne's Parish Vestry Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2009

Call to Order: 7.40 p.m.

In attendance: Andrew Carter, Philip Dowell, Peter Granger, John Langhorne, Jo McCleskey (Senior Warden), John Needham, John Shattuck, Jim Wilson, Denise Williams, David Lea (Treasurer)

Opening prayers conducted by the Senior Warden

Minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2009:

The figure earned by St. Stephen's White Elephant Sale was amended to read \$960. That amount was matched and with a gift of \$2,000 there has been a total of \$4,000 added to the St. Stephen's Building Fund. With that correction the minutes were agreed. unanimously.

Matters arising:

Day Care Center at Parish House

Jo reported that there had been no meeting so far due to the summer camp organized by the Southern Albemarle Intergenerational Center making it impossible for those seeking to start the day care center from meeting with her. Jo will keep the Vestry informed of the outcome of talks when they do take place.

New Matters

Resignation of Christian Education Director

Jo had been informed by Andi Maxwell that she wished to resign from the post of Christian Education Director effective from August 31, 2009, and would be writing to that effect. Unexpected pressures at home led to her decision as she felt she could not devote sufficient time to the task. Eleanor Winsor had agreed to step into the breach and had met with Andi to work out plans for a smooth continuation of Sunday School. Andi has indicated that she may be willing to continue to teach at Sunday School. The proposed Day Care Center will not be affected by this.

Airstrip at Grayson Farm

Tim Schmidt had written to the Parish asking for agreement to the building of an airstrip at Grayson Farm so that he can land a small, light aircraft there. He had submitted with his request a clear drawing showing the strip and the flight path when landing and taking off. The flight path does not pass over Christ Church. He had made the point that the aircraft noise would be little more than a lawnmower. Jo agreed with this as she had had a neighbor who flew a similar aircraft from his property and Jo and her family were not disturbed by this. Tim undertook not to fly in bad weather, at night or between 10.00

a.m. and noon on Sundays. Enclosed with the request was a non-binding legal document to be signed indicating no opposition, or otherwise, to the request.

The Vestry agreed, without dissension, not to oppose this request. A copy of the form indicating no opposition was signed by the Senior Warden. A copy is attached to these Minutes.

Old Business

Stewardship and Budget

Peter commented that receipts are running behind budget at present. Questioned, David confirmed that some pledge obligations were not being met.

The meeting decided that the stewardship campaign for 2010 should be postponed at least until the next Vestry meeting by which time it was hoped that either a new priest-in-charge would be in place or a date for the arrival of a priest would be known. This would help people in making a decision regarding their pledge for next year.

Junior Warden's Report

A technician from W.E.Brown had been at Christ Church to attach thermostats to the wall properly. This had not been so done when the new HVAC system had been installed.

W.E. Brown had offered an annual service contract to the Parish but Jim had told them it was too high. Subsequently the offer was reduced to \$1,500. In Jim's opinion this was too high even for a set of buildings with 8 compressors. He had approached a Raymond Houchens who is a retired HVAC technician who had been looking for some work.

Houchens had shown interest in servicing the Parish systems but he did not want to do it on the basis of a contract price. However, Jim considered that due to the complexities of the systems it could well prove to be in the Parish's best interest to engage someone who, himself, would become very familiar with them and therefore spend less time than a larger contractor on the work.

The meeting was generally in favor of going down this route but considered that, as a minimum, the Vestry should know what Houchens' hourly rate would be. Jim was asked to pursue this further for consideration at the next meeting.

Senior Warden's Report

Vacation Bible School

Jo reported that only 5 youngsters from St. Anne's Parish attended the Ecumenical VBS at the Methodist Church on the night that St. Anne's was providing the refreshments.

Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report

David had submitted an operating report and a profit and loss report both of which are attached hereto and form part of the minutes... The value of the money in the trust funds as at the end of June totaled \$491,234.41. He pointed out that the Lelia Bovard Memorial Garden Fund is already invested with the Diocese. All the children seemed to be greatly enjoying the VBS.

Discretionary Fund

Jo reported that funds had been made available for the payment of an electricity bill but, as yet, she did not know the outcome. The family in question had had their power cut off.

Outreach Fund

Bill Cooper had submitted a Fund statement as of August 10, 2009, a copy of which is attached to and forms part of these minutes...

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.40 p.m. with closing prayers conducted by the Senior Warden.

Respectfully submitted,
John Needham,
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