

**DRAFT**  
**St. Anne's Parish Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**July 14, 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.

Apologies: Rev. Charles Joy (Interim Priest), David Lee (Treasurer)

**Opening prayers** conducted by the Senior Warden

**Minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2009:**

The only comment to the minutes was that Eleanor Winsor's name appeared in the list of attendees. With this correction Jim moved that they be approved, seconded by John Andrew. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Matters arising:**

***Access to St. John's for the handicapped***

Jim stated that the previous day he had spent an-hour-and-a-half with someone from the County Handicapped Advisory board regarding this access. The inspector decided that another inspector from the Advisory Board should carry out a further inspection. In the meantime he pointed out that wider doors would be needed and that the toilets would have to be made suitable for handicapped persons. In summary there had been no progress since the last Vestry meeting.

***St. Stephen's Hall Fund – White Elephant Sale***

Jo reported that the sale had realized a total of \$9,000 which had been matched by an anonymous donor. A good number of sale items remained after the sale and these had been given to another church for sale in aid of Haitian orphans.

***Parish's Ecumenical Activities***

Jo stated that nothing had yet been done about this suggestion. It was unanimously decided to list these activities in the next edition of *TIDINGS* which edition will also include a reference to the website. Philip reminded the meeting that there had been a small change in the way the website is accessed and this information will be included in the next bulletin.

**Old Business**

***Stewardship and Budget***

Peter drew the attention of the meeting to the details of the Parish funds held by the Diocese which is accessible on the Diocesan website. As at the end of May the total had

fallen from \$541,000 to \$489,000 over 12 months, which was really quite a reasonable performance given the current economic conditions. The figure at the present moment may be somewhat lower due to the stock market decline since the end of May.

Turning to the Profit & Loss statement, he noted that contributions had been running lower than last year and were down to about \$5,000 from about \$7,000 per month. It is hoped that this rate will pick up again in the Fall. Costs for the priest were up somewhat due to the three months extension to Rev. Joy's interim status.

Peter commented that the funds in the Lelia Bovard Memorial Garden Fund were really too large to just sit on the Programs & Ministries Operating Funds and should be transferred as another fund to be invested by the Diocese. After a discussion to ensure that the Bovard Garden was being adequately cared for it was agreed that such a transfer be made. An annual contribution of about \$1,000 is received for the Garden.

### **Junior Warden's Report**

Jim had nothing further to report...

### **Senior Warden's Report**

#### ***Change of venue for July 26 service***

Jo informed the meeting that she had asked Bonnie Cooper to circulate by e-mail the fact that the service on July 26 will be at Christ Church and not at St. John's. This will be Rev. Joy's last Sunday with us and the service will be followed by a pot luck lunch in the Parish Hall.

#### ***Vacation Bible School***

Andi Maxwell had been unable to organize the school this year. The Methodist Church will hold it instead from August 3 thru 6 and the ECW will take care of the refreshments on one evening on behalf of the Parish.

#### ***St. Anne's Parish House – Day Care Center***

Bonnie Cooper had approached Jo on behalf of a colleague at the nascent *Southern Albemarle Intergenerational Center* requesting that the Parish House be made available as a day care center, which is badly needed in the area. Jo had spoken to Andi Maxwell about this request as Andi had put in a considerable amount of time and effort into readying the classrooms for the Godly Play for the coming Sunday School year.

Understandably, Andi was not at all keen on having a day care center possibly upsetting the work she had put in place.

The Vestry members looked over the classrooms and appreciated the work done by Andi. However, the consensus was that a day care center would have a number of advantages, namely, bring in some income from the Parish House which stands idle for the majority of each week ; bring some young people into direct contact with the Parish who might like what they see and wish to join. Added to this no one is quite sure at the present just how many children will be attending Sunday School in the coming year. It was also the opinion of most that the day care center could start on the upper floor of the Parish House in the main hall despite the insistence of the person who would run it wanting to use the classrooms. It was felt that the center would be small to start but that it may well expand rapidly given the need for this service in the community. However, all agreed that

Andi must be part of the ultimate decision on whether to proceed or not. In the meantime further discussion will take place with Bonnie and the applicant and with Andi.

***Bread of Life***

Bonnie Cooper had reported that those seeking assistance with food through this program had increased by 20 families. This extra demand had necessitated raiding the church's emergency food stocks.

**Financial Reports**

***Treasurer's Report***

In the absence of the Treasurer there was nothing to report.

***Discretionary Fund***

Nothing to report from Rev. Joy.

***Outreach Fund***

Nothing to report.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.30 p.m. with closing prayers by conducted by the Senior Warden.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Needham,  
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