

St. Anne's Parish Vestry Meeting Minutes October 13, 2009

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). Apology from Pastor Ellen attending a retreat.

1. **Call to Order:** 7.40 p.m.
2. **The Collects and the Lord's Prayer** led by the Senior Warden.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**, having been read, were accepted unanimously.
4. **Junior Warden's Report:**
Raymond Houchens is available to service the heating/cooling systems in all three churches as well as the rectory. His charge would be \$50 per hour plus any materials that may be required. It was agreed that he should be asked to undertake this work for one year.

Senior Warden's Report:

The *Order of St. Luke Ministry* will hold a meeting at the Church of Our Savior on October 18 at 4.00 p.m. All are welcome. It is understood that this is an attempt to re-start this ministry.

A *Prevention of Child Abuse workshop* will take place on October 15 from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. at the Church of Our Savior. Jo reminded the Vestry members that all are required to have attended such a workshop. Certificates of attendance must be handed to the Parish Secretary for filing.

5. **Ministry Areas:**

Treasurer's Report:

David submitted a profit and loss statement to the end of September which indicates an anticipated deficit for the current year. The final three months of the year usually show some uplift in contributions but it seems likely that the deficit at the end of the year will be of the order of \$20,000. Contributions for the current year stand at \$80,000 whereas at the same time last year that figure was \$90,000.

Utilities for the Rectory will be included in the total Parish utilities henceforward.

Budget

Peter advised that he had begun looking at the budget for 2010. Some discussion ensued on various items in the budget and how they should be handled. He

commented that 2010 could well be a difficult year with a deficit markedly worse than that expected this year.

Pledges Drive

Peter had prepared a draft letter to parishioners regarding pledges for 2010. Vestry members will consider this and give Peter their thoughts such that the letter can be finalized by the weekend of October 17/18.

Discretionary Fund

Pastor Ellen reported in writing that \$100 had been expended on fuel assistance in September.

David advised that the fund currently stands at \$952.

Outreach Fund

Jo advised that \$50 towards rent had been paid directly to the relevant landlord, as usual.

Worship and Liturgy

Pastor Ellen, in writing, advised that:

Services: Pastor Ellen will officiate at St. Stephen's on October 25th. Rev. Way will officiate at the other two churches that day November 1st. (All Saints') and November 8th. Pastor Ellen will officiate at all three churches.

Training: for lectors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday, November 14 at Christ Church; acolytes on Sunday, November 15, at Christ Church following the service

Bishop Johnston's Visitation to St. Anne's Parish will take place December 13. Jo added that there will be a reception for the Bishop that day and only one service will be held in the Parish.

Christian Formation – Children's Sunday School is underway.

Adult formation – the Questors Group has resumed monthly meetings; Centering Prayer (with Presbyterians) continues.

Congregational Care – Second Sunday Soup is underway again at Christ Church.

6. Report of the Priest-in-Charge

Pastor Ellen is attending the Diocesan Fall Clergy Retreat at Shrine Mont, October 12-14. She will participate in Fresh Start, a program for clergy in transition (newly-ordained, new to parish) which is held once a month in Fredericksburg, usually on second Thursday.

She has been visiting and making contacts with “shut-ins” and other members of the Parish.

She greatly appreciates the assistance parishioners have provided in making her transition to Scottsville and St. Anne’s Parish a good experience. She is in the process of becoming established with medical and dental care providers and so forth and now has VA plates on her truck.

7. New Episcopal leadership in the Diocese

In this connection there will be a Town Hall meeting with Bishop Johnston at St. Paul’s, Ivy, on Saturday, November 21st., at 10.00 a.m.

A message from the Bishop can be found at the following Internet links:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ddsl-KCdabM&feature=channel_page
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ih80LSESTDQ&feature=channel_page

8. Other Business

Day Care Center – Jo advised that there had been no further developments as yet but that the sponsors of this project were hopeful of a start early in the new year.

Fireproof filing cabinet - John N. advised that he had found a suitable filing cabinet online but had so far been unable to find a retailer prepared to deal with it. He would go further into it by talking to the manufacturer who did not provide details of retailers online. Members suggested Sam’s Club as a possible source and John will look into that.

Tree Care – John L. said that the tree inspection had not yet taken place.

St,Stephen’s projected hall – provisional approval has been received of the map revision and now the project can be taken forward to the next stage.

9. The Compline was said led by the Senior Warden and the meeting closed thereafter at 9.30. p.m.