

VESTRY MINUTES

Present: Bob Askins, Joey Broussard, Fr. Furman Buchannon, Gwen Geidel, Ed Kellett, Jack Myers, Chad Poteat, Robin Smith, Gus Strasburger, El Thompson, Andrew Todd

Absent: Jim Maass, Esther Richey

Opening Reflection

Furman began with a reading from Matthew's Gospel and a reflection on the parable of the talents.

Note writing – Furman provided names of parishioners in need of remembrance and prayer and received the names of volunteers to write notes.

Call to Order

Minutes accepted

Warden's report

EC will meet with Foundation Board July 24 to discuss gift policy

Insurance deductible: policies reviewed by independent consultant

It was recommended that we change our deductible from \$500 to \$5,000 to realize a savings of \$12,000 annually (\$6,000) this year.

Sr. Warden received motion to adjust deductible. Motion carried

New Building committee: we need to identify internal "talent" to develop ideas on building needs. The chair received suggestions for parishioners who might be likely candidates.

Rector's report

Ministry Fair – August 19

Judy Tighe going to meeting of Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Churches

Things going well with Director of Christian Education

Still looking for parish administrator

Junior Warden's Report

Search committee continues to meet and is working hard. Have reached delegate stage.

Buildings and Grounds

Remodeling work recently completed was all donated

Opportunity to purchase high quality commercial-grade carpet and installation for \$6,500

Motion to proceed entertained and accepted

Budget [Kellet]

Pledge income way up in June

Outreach [Thompson, Maass, Strasburger]

Partners in Health will be handling the monies from the Columbia area for the Haiti project

Outreach committee heard concerns of vestry regarding fund raising proposal and requested an audience with the vestry to hear and answer questions.

Membership Development [Smith & Broussard]

Stewardship report attached

Robin requested assistance from all with greeting and engaging new members.

Christian Formation [Richey& Todd]

VBS planning is in full swing, plenty of volunteer teachers, materials covered

Sister Catherine is doing a 4-week course on the Theology of Harry Potter

Pastoral Care [Poteat & Askins]

Ministry Fair – August 17

Good of the Order

Nominating committee needs to meet – Sr. & Jr. Warden and class of 2008

Vestry gathering – August 3 at 6 PM

Upcoming Events

Jazz mass – September 7

September 14 – 1st meeting of Sunday School

Next Vestry meeting – August 19, 2008

7:40 adjourned