

## St. Mary's Vestry Meeting

February 10, 2013

The meeting was opened at noon by Rev. Susie with a prayer. She welcomed the new vestry members and thanked them for serving.

Present: Rev. Susie Comer, Ann Gilmore, Robert Oliver, Abel Turner, C.M. Crawford, Jack Newsome, Jan Denson, Sue Faulkner, Carol Brown(clerk), Tulisha Carson(treasurer), John Cole(financial committee)

Absent: Linda Joseph, Tom Hart

Robert Oliver moved to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2013 meeting. Jan Denson seconded the motion, which passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Tulisha Carson explained our Fund Accounting System. There are 5 funds, and she pointed them out as she went over the report for January. Robert Oliver moved to accept the report, and Abel Turner seconded. The motion was approved.

**Revising 2013 Budget:** Tulisha went over the amended 2013 budget that shows an additional \$1440 in pledges received since the budget was prepared, but a loss of \$700 in earned interest, giving us an extra \$740. She proposed we put \$300 of that toward Office related expenses and \$440 toward Cleaning supplies. She suggested we post on the bulletin board a list of expenses that could be donated. John Cole suggested that we should also list those amounts already donated. Rev. Susie went over the figures again, explaining some of the changes from 2012 to 2013. The percentage of pledged sums used to estimate the non-pledged contributions and the plate offering was reduced from 25% to 20%. Susie is paid a lower amount but at a higher rate than Reid Morgan was paid. The Diocesan Related amount reflects our lower attendance. Non-essential items were not funded, and donations for those areas are requested from the congregation. Our custodial fees have increased because we have had to hire additional help for Mary Parker. Abel Turner moved to approve the amended budget and Jack Newsome seconded the motion. All voted to accept it as presented.

**New Business:** Mary Halvorsen, representing the ECW, was thanked for the lunch they provided for the Vestry, for their donation and for all they do for the church. Robert Oliver so moved and Jack Newsome seconded. All approved.

**Housing allowance:** A resolution was offered to provide \$24,000 for Rev. Susie's housing for the 2013 calendar year. Sue Faulkner so moved and Abel Turner seconded. All said aye.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Sue Faulkner gave a brief report on the Council meeting held in Houston this week. It was put on by the Hispanic Ministries of the Houston Area. There were few controversial issues. St. Catherine of Sienna moved from mission to parish status, and their presentation was lovely. Sue said that the preparations for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper were well in hand. She said that

the recycling cans were a problem. Often passersby leave their trash in them. Abel Turner said he would work on that problem.

**Junior Warden's Report:** Tom Hart is ill today. Rev. Susie said that Tom had cut some stumps as requested. He has met with Robert Oliver about the transfer of responsibilities. Greg Westerfield has volunteered his time during the week toward handyman issues. Robert Oliver wants a dimmer light in the bell tower. Also the chandelier in the entry can be raised to better light the stained glass window there. The question of a QR Code for our building was discussed. And the homeless lady Shelley who was often around our area is now in Copperas Cove.

**Priest's Report:** Rev. Susie went over recent activities....the Council meeting in Houston, the funeral for Louis Joseph (we are awaiting an urn for placement of his ashes in the Columbarium). Coming up is her annual evaluation, the Metzger/Hart wedding in June, and Susie's vacation in July and August. She is expecting to have a Lenten series...possibly on the minor prophets.

**Vestry and Warden's Conference in Austin:** This will be held on March 2 at St. Michael's. The fee is \$20. If you are new to the Vestry, it is well recommended. Talk to Susie if you would like to attend.

Rev. Susie closed the meeting with a prayer.