

## **VESTRY MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 21, 2012**

**PRESIDING:** Rev. William H. Smith

**Vestry Members Present:** Olga Chavez, Janet Clark, Wayne Griffin, Carmen Mendoza, Elias Jensen, Aquinda Toppin, George Cleary

**Vestry Members Absent:** Bonnie Claren, Juan Gomez

**Treasurer:** George Adams  
Susan Adams

**Recording Secretary:**

**Others Present:** Most Reverend Bernie Sheffield, Father Paul, Aurora Matta, Terri Mullins

**OPENING PRAYER:** Father Bill opened the meeting with a prayer at 6PM.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** A motion was made to adopt the agenda. (George Cleary, Olga Chavez).

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2012.** A motion was made to adopt the minutes (Wayne Griffin, George Cleary).

**MATTERS ARISING:** Bishop Bernie Sheffield thanked the vestry for listing the times of the Old Catholic's services on the sign in front of the church.

**REPORT OF THE PRIEST-IN-CHARGE:** Father Bill reluctantly accepted the resignation of Wayne Griffin as Senior Warden. Father thanked Wayne for his openness to the views of others, his faithful attendance at worship and his loyal and not uncritical support of the Priest-in-Charge.

After much prayer and listening to the views of members of the Vestry, Father Bill asked Olga Chavez to be the Senior Warden. Olga has accepted the position.

Holy Faith will be displaying hand made African jewelry and artifacts on Sunday, March 25th and also April 1st in Harrison Hall. The clergy are in need of transportation to better serve their congregations. The money would be used to purchase motorized bikes. These bikes would also be used to help the young people obtain employment. They would work and pay back the money so that other bikes could be purchased.

Father Bill talked to the vestry about being approached by the Church of God of Prophecy to rent the Schendoah Hall on Sunday mornings for their 10AM service. It is a church that originated in Tennessee and is 120 years old. The vestry was concerned about the possible noise it might create while our services were in progress. Father said that with the 3 sets of doors between the areas, it was thought this would not be a problem. The members would arrive at 9:30AM and would be finished by 11:30AM. They have a congregation of 16 members. A motion was brought forward to give them a contract for a 3 month trial period and to review it after 2 months and at a rate to be agreed upon between the rental committee and the Church of God of Prophecy. (Wayne Griffin, Olga Chavez). The vote was 6 to 1 to approve.

**MATTERS ARISING:** No matters were raised.

**REPORT OF PARISH OFFICERS:**

A. SENIOR WARDEN: Wayne mentioned that he finally was able to reach Comcast regarding the installation of a phone system. He was informed that they could not put the installation in due to the telephone numbers are assigned to where our emergency services originate. We are # 464 meaning our emergency services for this building are unable to be used because of our physical address is in Port St. Lucie. They had two suggestions of what could be done.

(1) If we wanted to maintain the number we have now a third party telephone company would accept the call and place it in our building. This procedure would be at a cost of \$5 per month, per line.

(2) The other option is to change our telephone number and have Comcast handle the telephone service.

Wayne felt it might be better to use the 3rd party transaction for \$10. a month more on the bill because it would give us universal calling, high speed internet and three computers would be able to work independent of each other. A motion was made for a 3 party installation at an additional \$5 per line per month. (Wayne Griffin, Olga Chavez )

B. JUNIOR WARDEN: George presented to the Vestry a flyer for the May 12th barbecue to be held in the Parish Center. There are tickets available from George Cleary, Aquinda Toppin and Leo Campbell. The price is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. He is looking into having some games and amusements for the children and the parents would supervise the children at this event.

George thanked Carmen Mendoza and her crew for the wonderful breakfast and lunch served to the workers who painted the outside of the Parish Center.

George was asked about the roof leak in the narthex and how great was the need to get it fixed at this time. He mentioned that this is getting worse and we really need to address this situation. Wayne mentioned we need to hold off until word of a possible grant from United Thank Offering for us might come through in June or July for that is the date for the awarding of this particular grant.

Elias suggested that we could replace the plywood, paper and tar to hold it over until we hear from the grant. We could call a roofer for the estimated cost of doing this repair work. A motion was made to seek an estimate for this work. (Wayne Griffin, Olga Chavez). There was a 5 to 2 vote.

George asked that the settings for the air conditioning be set at 78 degrees when leaving the church and that the fans be set on low. This is due to the extreme heat in the church when the services are finished and the need to keep the instruments (piano and organ) from damage due to heat and humidity.

Bishop Bernie would like to have a list of items that he would need to help

keep the church in working order. For example: The replacing of paper products in the facilities.

C. TREASURER: There was a motion to pay the diocesan pledge from 2008-2009-2010 in the amount of \$15,619. (Aquinda Toppin, Carmen Mendoza) All were in favor.

There was a motion to move the TD bank account in the amount of \$2280.54 to the general account at the PNC Bank. (Janet Clark, Wayne Griffin). All were in favor.

The February expenses exceeded the revenues primarily due to catching up on the premiums due for our property insurance. This was due to the cancellation for non payment of our property insurance from December 17th 2011 to February 2nd 2012.

Aurora Matta gave her UTO offering to the church.

**HISPANIC MINISTRY:** There were many suggestions from the Hispanic Congregation to help raise funds for the Church. One was to have recycle paper containers, and Sunday breakfast for a cost of \$3 per person. This would be for all 3 congregations with a focus to get to know each other better. One of the other suggestions was to clean the park on the right side of the parish center.

Aquinda Toppin also had several ideas from the Activities Committee to make money for the Church. A car wash, Harvest Dinner, School Supplies and a Christmas Party to name a few.

Search Committee: Terri Mullins attended the vestry meeting to inform the vestry of the search committee's decision concerning the diocesan options for obtaining a new priest for the parish. They have decided to go with option #5 which is a priest -in-charge for whatever we can afford and whatever the priest demands. It would not be full time, but we could grow from part-time to full-time with the same person if it is written into the agreement that way. Terri Mullins will be out of town until the end of April.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Adams, Recording Secretary