

## **VESTRY MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 23, 2012**

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

**Vestry Members Present:** Carmen Mendoza, Janet Clarke, Aquinda Toppin, Olga Chavez, Wayne Griffin, Elias Jensen, Bonnie Claren, Juan Gomez

**Vestry Members Absent:** George Cleary

**Treasurer:** George Adams                      **Recording Secretary:** Susan Adams

**Others Present:** Aurora Mata, Terri Mullins

**OPENING PRAYER:** Father Bill opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:30PM.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** A motion was made to adopt the agenda.  
(Wayne Griffin, Olga Chavez) All were in favor.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2012:** A motion was made to adopt the minutes. (Wayne Griffin, Olga Chavez). All were in favor.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Father Bill asked Wayne Griffin about the installation of the Comcast system. He mentioned that the work is coming along and we are able to use the original church phone number. In regards to the diocesan pledge, Father received a letter from the Bishop thanking Holy Faith for sending our pledge to the diocese. Father Bill talked about the Unity Church of God of Prophecy. He had talked with their minister and their congregation begins arriving at 9:30AM and their service begins at 10:00AM and ends at 11:00AM. They have been meeting in our church for a month and are content being at Holy Faith. George Adams informed the vestry that he had talked with Rudy Stephenson concerning the audit for the church and he also was in touch with Earl Pickett from the diocese on the proper procedures to accomplish an audit. Mr. Pickett informed George that there should be a committee appointed by the vestry to perform the audit, but since Rudy Stephenson has always done the audit

we would continue to have Rudy complete the audit for this year. The vestry would appoint a committee next year to do the audit. Father Bill asked if anything had been done concerning the idea put forth last vestry meeting concerning a Flea Market. This has not been addressed. The search committee met and Father Bill asked Terri Mullins to attend the vestry meeting and report to them what transpired at that meeting. Her report will appear later in the vestry notes. Father Bill asked that the April vestry minutes be sent to Carol Gooden for the Web page. There will be a special service at 11:00am on Sunday for Pentecost. All have been invited and representatives from each of the services will participate, and invitations had been extended to the congregations of St Julian of Norwich and Unity Church of God of Prophecy.

**REPORT OF THE PRIEST-IN-CHARGE:** Father Bill set up for discussion the possibility of combining the 8:00AM and 10:00AM services for the summer. There was much discussion and opinions but nothing was decided at that time. It was also presented the idea of not having vestry meetings in the summer but Father Bill felt there was something in the by-laws that prohibited the canceling of meetings at this time. Father Bill was pleased with the attendance and celebration of Mother's Day and the barbecue on May 12th. The parish benefited in the amount of \$1241.00. A special thanks to all who helped with this endeavor. On May 16th Holy Faith along with three other parishes celebrated Ascension. It was a wonderful celebration with everyone helping and joining in to make it a great service at Holy Faith. The money collected for Mustard Seed Ministries was \$357.00.

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

**REPORT OF PARISH OFFICERS:**

A. Senior Warden: Olga Chavez reported that Father Bill and Carmen Mendoza and herself met to discuss several ideas, activities and fund raisers that she has for the congregation, one of them being summer bible camp. They felt that this might bring in new families into the church. Carmen mentioned about having a vocational school on our grounds and they also talked about our brothers and sisters in our congregation who live alone, and the possibility of having little

cottages, where our seniors can live in assisted living or can live by themselves without any care. These were just a few ideas that were discussed. Olga wanted to thank everyone who participated in the barbecue and was a nice collaboration between all the members of our church, always remembering we are one congregation. A resolution was made by Wayne Griffin to have a typed written report concerning a Vacation Bible School in July in which Carmen Mendoza and Terri Mullins volunteered to work on this project. (Bonnie Claren, Elias Jensen). All were in favor.

B. Junior Warden: No report due to vacation.

C. Treasurer: George Adams distributed the monthly treasurer's report. The month to date showed that the receipts exceeded expenses. The year to date total indicates that expenses far exceed revenues due primarily to the payment of the past due pledge and the catch up of the insurance premiums. George indicated that he had received a check for \$1200.00 from Fidelity Charities in the name of David and Deacon Jamie Turner. George also indicated that the barbecue netted over \$1200.00. George said that George Cleary who ran the barbecue suggested that the money be given to the building fund. He also suggested that the \$1200.00 gift from David and Deacon Jamie be given to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Father Bill felt that this was not appropriate. Wayne Griffin said that it would be better to place both amounts into the building fund and made a motion to accept the suggestion of George Cleary and also to place both sums in said fund. (Wayne Griffin, Janet Clarke). 7 in favor, 1 abstention. George mentioned that he received a letter from our Property Insurance Company asking if we would care to increase the bond to a higher amount. The vestry asked that the treasurer investigate the cost of such an increase. The vestry will take it under advisement when made aware of the additional cost.

**HISPANIC MINISTRY:** There will be a Child Abuse Prevention Program scheduled for June 2nd at 1:30PM in the Parish Center. All Vestry and Church members involved with children's programs such as youth groups, and Sunday school classes etc. must attend. Olga Chavez reported that there has been a shortage

of bulletins on Sunday and asked if the amount could be increased for the 12:00PM service. Some vestry members asked if there was a possibility of having the church open up a Face Book Account. It was felt that it would be good advertisement for the church and also being able to communicate information within the parish. A formal resolution was made to open up a Face Book Account. (Elias Jensen, Carmen Mendoza). Juan Gomez and Olga Chavez would oversee the account. All were in favor.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE:** Terri Mullins reported that the Search Committee has decided on Task 2 and Task 3. Canon Bennett will be arriving at Holy Faith at the end of June with a list of a few names from the Church Deployment Office. He has given them 3 weeks to go through the names and to do a mailing to each one the committee is interested in. When the responses are in Canon Bennett will return to the church and talk about interviewing practices for the final screening. Some will make site visits and others make use of Skype as their information site. They are hoping that a recommendation will be in place by August or September. Father Bill asked if there were any changes within the search committee. Terri reported that 3 members were not attending worship and 2 of the 3 members were not attending meetings. She was asked to contact Canon Bennett concerning this matter.

**VISION COMMITTEE:** Bonnie reported that 3 people attended the meeting and that included Bonnie. Bonnie said they need more community outreach and she brought up the idea of a soccer field for the vacant lot next to the church.

**YOUTH AND EDUCATION:** The date for confirmation has been set for June 29th at 6:30 PM with 4 children being confirmed.

**PASTORAL CARE OUTREACH:** Bonnie reported that they were continuing to visit the sick and give communion to the shut-ins.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Father Bill stated anyone wishing to speak to Bishop Gregory Brewer on his visit Sunday September 30th needs to let Father Bill know ahead of time so appointments can be set. Also vestry members asked if the Diocese of Central Florida could relax the priest's salary requirement for Holy

Faith to take back to their finance committee. It was brought to the vestry's attention that St. Lucie has the lowest salary requirements for teachers which is \$36,000. They felt that maybe the priest's salary should be in keeping for the area in which Holy Faith is located.

**OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN:** Aurora Mata mentioned that on Saturday July 21, 2012 from 11:00AM to 2:00PM there will be an Episcopal Cursillo Picnic at St. Peter's at 700 Rhinehart Road in Lake Mary, Florida. The event is open to all Cursillistas, their families and friends and anyone else interested in the Cursillo ministry. The Commission will supply the drinks, grilled meats. This is a family picnic, so we would ask that there be no alcohol. Bring a covered dish and a joyous heart. Might bring a chair or two. Musicians please bring instruments. There will be a brief coordinators meeting for current and prospective coordinators beginning at 9:00AM.

**DATE OF NEXT VESTRY MEETING:** June 20, 2012 at 6:30PM

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Father Bill closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Adams, Recording Secretary