

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

PRESIDING: Rev. William H. Smith

VESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Griffin, Olga Chavez, George Cleary, Aquinda Toppin, Carmen Mendoza, Elias Jensen

VESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT: Bonnie Claren, Janet Clarke, Juan Gomez

OTHERS PRESENT: Aurora Mata, Terry Mullins

TREASURER: George Adams

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan

Adams

OPENING PRAYER: Father Bill opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:42PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: A motion was made to adopt the agenda. (Wayne Griffin, George Cleary) All were in favor

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19,2012: A motion was made to adopt the minutes (Wayne Griffin, Carmen Mendoza) All were in favor.

REPORT OF PRIEST-IN-CHARGE: Father Bill reported that he met with the Bishop Gregory Brewer concerning the visit to Holy Faith on September 30th and he passed the completed program of the Bishop's visit to the Vestry. He stated that Bishop Brewer will be in Vero Beach the morning of the 29th and in Melbourne in the afternoon. He plans to meet with the Vestry of Holy Faith around 6:30PM to 7:30PM. This will be an informal meeting. Father Bill mentioned that the Bishop is a good listener and astute questioner. Father Bill was happy with the completion of the new roof and how well it blends with the other buildings. Father Bill informed the Vestry that a date and notice must be set three months ahead for the annual meeting. A motion was made to have the Annual Meeting on January 6th,2013. (Wayne Griffin, Olga Chavez). Five were in favor, 1 not in favor.

MATTERS ARISING: None

SENIOR WARDEN: Olga Chavez has spoken with Cecilia Escoabare concerning the program "TOYS FOR TOTS". This would be a program that our community could participate in and help others but also it would benefit our families. More information will be forthcoming around the end of October. Olga will keep us informed of her findings. Olga reported that Father Pepe's last day at Holy Faith will be December 26, 2012. Aurora Mata will be the interpreter at the service for the Bishop's visit on September 30th.

JUNIOR WARDEN: George Cleary reported that the roof is now complete and was pleased with the work. George mentioned that the lock on the air conditioner in the office was broken. Deacon Jamie Turner had approached George whether or not she could borrow five round tables on November 4th for her personal use. George gave his permission. George mentioned that he needed 3 palm trees for out front of the church. He was working with the lawn service who would install the trees for \$500. A motion was made to have the service install the trees for the \$500. and also to make sure there was a warranty included in case something happened to the trees when planted. (George Cleary, Wayne Griffin). Five members approved, One member disapproved. George remarked that the cleaning service would return to their regular schedule after the confirmation classes were completed next week.

TREASURER: George Adams indicated that our receipts were \$22,693.00 and our expenses were \$12,027.00 for an excess of \$10,066.00 for the month. George also reported that it takes at least \$13,000.00 plus each month just to pay the bills. Wayne Griffin suggested that we redesignate the Wells Fargo Fund to be part of the General Fund. Currently, the Fund is designated for the Building Fund only. A motion was made to designate the funds for use in the General Fund. The money would not be used in the General Fund until approved by the Vestry. (Wayne Griffin, Carmen Mendoza). 5 yes, 1 no.

George Adams resigned as Treasurer effective October 2, 2012. Olga Chavez nominated Elias Jensen to become the Treasurer until January 2013 Annual Meeting. George will assist Elias and continue doing the regular bookkeeping

each week. A motion was made to accept Elias Jensen as Treasurer until the January Annual Meeting. (Wayne Griffin, Olga Chavez). All were in favor.

HISPANIC MINISTRY: No Report

SEARCH COMMITTEE: Terry Mullins reported that the Search Committee had a vote concerning bringing Father Giles back for a second interview. The vote was 4 to have Father Giles return, 2 against and 2 abstained. Terry told the Vestry that there is a huge problem within the committee. They are not working together and she felt that they needed to come together as a whole and solve some of these problems in order to be able to present to the Vestry candidates for a Priest for the Parish. She mentioned that Holy Faith needs to compensate Father Giles for his last visit and also when he returns.

ACTIVITIES: Aquinda Toppin gave the Vestry some tentative dates for some fund raisers for the Parish. A barbecue (Nov. 3) Harvest Dinner (Nov.4), Concert (Nov. 17) Holy Land (Dec. 1). Aquinda also mentioned that they were looking into selling Pumpkins and Christmas Trees for fund raisers.

OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THE VESTRY: Father Bill shared with the Vestry a letter he had received from Most Reverend Bernie Sheffield. Bishop Bernie informed the Vestry that he and his congregation were interested in purchasing the side lot to build their own facilities and offices. The Vestry will take the month of October to gather their thoughts and talk more about it at the October meeting. It was decided that the Vestry would invite Bishop Bernie and his people to the November meeting to discuss the offer.

Wayne Griffin mentioned that he had been talking with Canon Bennett concerning obtaining a priest for Holy Faith. Canon Bennett suggested we might want to look into the possibility of becoming an "aided parish". This status is not a mission. As an "aided parish" we would receive financial assistance from the diocese. A decision would have to be made quickly in order for the diocese to include this in their 2013 budget. Since there was not a full vestry present the discussion will be held at the October meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: October 17,2012 at 6:30PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Adams, Recording Secretary