

**Holy Faith Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2012**

PRESIDING: Olga Chavez, Senior Warden

VESTRY MEMBERS - PRESENT: Olga Chavez, George Cleary, Wayne Griffin, Bonnie Claren, Janet Clarke, Carmen Mendoza, Aquinda Toppin. ABSENT VESTRY MEMBERS - Juan Gomez, Elias Jensen

Others Present: None

RECORDING SECRETARY – Marilyn Coffey

OPENING PRAYER: Wayne Griffin opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:41 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF October 17, 2012 and November 7, 2012 with Diocese Bishop and Canon Bennett. A motion was made to approve the minutes with minor corrections. (Wayne, George).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING George, Wayne

REPORT OF PARISH OFFICERS

SENIOR WARDEN: Olga Chavez reported that some success has been realized regarding the need for priests over the next two months. Father. Ken will be available on all except November 18, December 23, and December 30. Father Cherisol will lead for those three Sunday Services. The service on December 24th will be at 11:00 with a congregational chorale from 10:30 to 11.00. Carmen will organize the Christmas play program with Aquinda and that will be presented at the combined service on December 23 at 11:00. Other details of the activities over the Christmas holidays include the Christmas Party on December 15th at 6:00 with a covered dish requested and a gift for giving. There will be no service on Christmas Day, December 25 or Wednesday December 26.

JUNIOR WARDEN: George Cleary announced that we realized approximately \$800.00 profit from the Barbeque, and that his crew of helpers outdid themselves making sure everyone had a good time. He is planning to lead the Greening of the Church on December 21 at 5 pm. All helping hands will be welcome and greatly appreciated. There are some maintenance items that need attention in the Parish Center, including the cleaning of the ovens, and the cleaning of the refrigerators. A suggestion was made that it might be better to keep one refrigerator empty for the use of any contracted events in the Parish Center and use the other for our own perishables.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer was not present, so there was no report, however there was a discussion regarding the position of the treasurer, as well as what qualifies a treasurer. Since the previous treasurer was not always in attendance at the Vestry meetings, and when he was, he didn't always have a report to give, it was decided by the Priest in Charge to appoint a new treasurer. A question was raised about the qualifications of our treasurer, and the opinion of the vestry was that the individual currently in the position is singularly well qualified, both as a treasurer, and a trainer of future treasurers. Elias is currently being trained as an assistant treasurer.

MATTERS ARISING FROM ABOVE REPORTS.

We are not collecting enough in the coffee hour basket to pay for the coffee delivery, so we will have to find a better way to support our coffee hour. There are several options for future improvements and we will work on these.

Aquinda will work with Carmen to utilize the Thrift Shop for treasures to outfit our youngsters for the Christmas celebration.

OTHER REPORTS – MISSION ACTIVITIES

- i. Hispanic Ministry No report offered
- ii. Search Committee has been deactivated. On behalf of the Vestry, Wayne offered many thanks to the committee for all the hard work and a special appreciation for the outstanding questionnaire.
- iii. Vision committee No report offered
- iv. Youth & Education Discussion regarding turnout at recent events. Concern that parents are not bringing their children, which may mean the parents are not as interested as they might be. There are events coming up next year that can only succeed if we have good participation.
- v. Pastoral Care & Outreach No report offered.

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

- i Grounds & maintenance – Always need more helping hands
- ii Activities - Thanksgiving Dinner? Christmas tree project is not feasible this year. Christmas party on December 15, 6:00
- iii Stewardship – we may not ask for pledges this year, but will pass out envelopes for congregation to use for 2013, however we will distribute boxes of envelopes
- iv. Finance no report given
- v. Thrift Shop – A suggestion to organized a monthly carport sale event with merchandise placed out by the highway. Would require help to move merchandise out there and then bring back whatever doesn't sell.

OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THE VESTRY

Faye Edwards wishes to be removed from her position as assistant Treasurer. She will be advised to write a letter to the Vestry to accomplish this.

The Annual Meeting will be held in January on the 21st as of this writing, but may change.

The next Vestry meeting will be on December 19 a 6:30 pm.

Wayne offered very nice Thank you to the Search committee specifically for all their hard work especially for the questionnaire. He felt it was the best our church as ever produced in a search for a new Priest. He also offered thanks to Marilyn Coffey for taking on the position of Recording Secretary and she offered an equally nice, You're welcome.

The closing prayer was offered by Marilyn and the meeting was ended at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Coffey
Recording Secretary