

## St. John's Episcopal Church

### Vestry Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 12, 2008 (Charles Simeon, Parish)

**Present:** Claire Laton-Taylor, Marie Campbell, Alicia Faxon, Andrew Schieffelin, Paul Cronin-Swalboski, Lori Deane, Jim Ellis, Tom Ward, Dawn Teserero

**Also Present:** The Reverend Anne Fowler

**Absent:** Vira DeFilippo, Manny Fernandez, Rob Watters, Nicole Valtz, Lindsay M. Cannon

#### Start/Opening Prayer

#### Review & Approval of Minutes

#### Rector's Remarks

- Gave updates from Diocesan Convention including: Transgender inclusion, Immigrant education, nonviolence resolution and repentance for involvement of slavery.
- Anne mentioned a caller from Georgia (a Methodist that enjoys the website) requested help for procession. This is a recognition to Ken's musical ministry.
- Staff Meeting: Evan requested that children be integrated in Eucharist. Anne suggests prior to Eucharist, there should be a song by the children. Jim suggested use of baby monitor to announce times to return to the service.
- Lori announced a JP Mom's Inquiry regarding members in the church. Amy Trueblood responded.
- Anne recommended that we affiliate ourselves with the "The Center for Progressive Christianity" (Motion was approved).

#### New Business

##### 1. Upcoming Key Dates

a. Parish Workday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

b. First Newcomer Fellowship Event, November 16<sup>th</sup>

c. Sumner Hill Association Meeting, November 19<sup>th</sup>

- Tom will attend the Sumner Hill Architectural meeting for architectural preservation.

d. Thanksgiving Service, November 25<sup>th</sup>

- Anne B. is tentatively scheduled to play the piano.

e. Christmas Trees Arrive, November 28<sup>th</sup>

- The first days to sell trees will be 11/29 and 11/30.

f. First Sunday in Advent, November 30<sup>th</sup>

g. First Night Song, December 7<sup>th</sup>

- This will be every Sunday night at 7pm for one hour.

h. Next Vestry Meeting, December 10<sup>th</sup>

##### 2. Fellowship Events for Newcomers & Others

a. 11/16: Alicia and Susie, 4 Newcomers at 2 Pond Circle.

b. 11/29: Tom and Ivan, 4pm

c. 11/30: Georgia and Dawn, 12:30pm

- d. 12/6: Ben and Alissa's, 4:00pm
- e. Tom provided talking points as a guide
- 3. Follow-up on "Sabbath Year" Discernment Process**
  - a. To develop a collect
  - b. Will discuss further at next Vestry Meeting and develop a sub-committee to create it.
- 4. Next Steps on Stewardship Campaign**
  - a. Tom is to write a letter for Stewardship Campaign. The Annual Budget Goal is 140,000.
  - b. The Pine Village Rent will pay back the endowment.
- 5. Sabbatical Committee**
  - a. Sabbatical Committee is planning for 4 months: May, June, July and August.
  - b. Rev. Minton will cover the 4 months
  - c. Sabbatical Committee includes: Georgia, Tom and Dawn
- 6. Vestry Nominating Committee**
  - a. Several Vestry terms are ending: Tom as Sr. Warden, Manny, Alicia and Vera
  - b. Tom and Alicia are on the Nominating Committee
  - c. Suggested Parishioners include: Katie Faulkner, Tony Apesos, Natasha Seaman, Andrew Dean, Chris Ashley, Emily England, Deb, Tom Accord, Elisa Derby (a possibility?)
- 7. Other**

### **Closing Prayer/Finish**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lindsay M. Cannon, Clerk