

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**July 8, 2009**

**Present:** Rob Watters, Nicole Valtz, Rebecca Young, Margaret Stedman, Andrew Schieffelin, Jim Ellis, Dawn Teserero,

**Also Present:** Anne Minton, Sabbatical Priest

**Absent:** Lee Haller, Claire Laton-Taylor, Chris Ashley, Lori Deane, Lindsay M. Cannon, Paul Cronin-Swalboski, Anne Fowler (on sabbatical)

**Start/ Opening Prayer**

**Review & Approval of Minutes**

**Sabbatical Priest's Remarks:**

Positive Response from wedding

3 girls will be baptized on July 19<sup>th</sup> – Evans family plans to join parish.

Newcomers: New Orleans family, Maine family, Cote family

Received positive feedback on Website—good job Chuck!

**New Business**

1. Upcoming dates:
  - a. Parish Work Day: July 15 – project weather depending
  - b. Angel Food Pick-up: July 25
  - c. Concert, July 23, Jazz Legends Concert
  - d. Next vestry meeting: September 16<sup>th</sup>  
No August vestry meeting  
Nicole will send out reminder
2. Pine Village Playground Update
  - a. Rebecca received verbal confirmation from Paul Holtz that fence is approved.  
Written confirmation is in the mail.
  - b. Emma may request help with fundraiser to pay for \$2,000 difference.
  - c. Start date of fence construction has not been determined
  - d. Discussed use of chalk around church building
  - e. Concern for Eddie staying in Church alcove: use of candles, complaints from neighbors, etc.
    - i. Nicole and Rob will talk to him.
    - ii. Anne Fowler has been contacted for advice
    - iii. Dawn and Anne Minton will look for services within the diocese to help him.
3. Angel Food Ministries Update
  - a. Rob did a segment on AFM for a Spanish TV news station this week at St. John's –Nice work!
  - b. Vestry took mini break to watch the broadcast
  - c. Rebecca will repost ad to JP Moms
4. Piano and Organ repairs

- a. \$23,000 in Ada Courage Organ Fund may not be usable towards piano repairs
  - b. Vestry agreed to restore rather than sell Mason and Hamilton piano
  - c. Prefer not to do targeted fundraising
  - d. Vestry agreed to proposed repair work: \$4750 to rebuild action and pedals + \$800 to repair the dampers + \$550 to install humidity control = \$6100. Since the current piano fund is approximately \$6,600, the remaining \$500 may be used for transportation or unforeseen costs
  - e. Ken has also applied for a grant for musical ministry/ outreach.
  - f. During course of repair work we may reconsider these costs and determine if more work is needed.
5. Silent Auction Report
- a. Silent auction was successful.
6. Vestry profiles online
- a. Some concern for posting personal information online.
  - b. Issue will be postponed for meeting in September
7. Other Business
- a. Approved finding a larger refrigerator for kitchen.  
Action list:
    - Rob will contact Dean at AAA Appliance and Emma about the location
    - Jim will organize work day to make space for refrigerator
  - b. Proposed date for yard sale: October 3rd. Nicole will check date with Anne Fowler and Lori.
  - c. Diocesan Resource Day: September 26<sup>th</sup>. One day series of workshops on Parish life at Bentley College. See diomass.org for details. Will request a notice in the bulletin
  - d. Proposed date for Progressive Dinner: October 17<sup>th</sup>. Nicole will confirm date with Lori and Tom.
  - e. Thank you to Anne Minton for her help, blessings, and presence in our Vestry meetings. This is her last meeting before Anne Fowler returns.

### **Closing Prayer Finish**