

Vestry Minutes
May 12, 2010

Present: The Reverend Michael Delk (Rector), The Reverend Lauren McDonald (Associate Rector); Gary Harvey (Senior Warden); Ann Cooper (Junior Warden and Parish Life); Carrol Bailey (Newcomers): Fred Boelt (Treasurer); Jean Hancock (Newcomers); Margene Hartsough (Children and Youth); Ed Joyner (Stewardship): Brig Lampert (Children and Youth); Lucy Rothnie (Outreach); Pam Stromberg (Pastoral Care) and Mary Teale (Register).

Absent: Melissa Casheros (Communications); Gay Forloine (Pastoral Care); and Michael Smith (Outreach).

Also Present: Bill Teale, Stewardship Committee Chair

Vestry Check-In: Vestry members shared personal news since the last meeting in April 2010.

Opening Prayer and Meditation: The opening prayer and meditation were led by Margene Hartsough. Jean Hancock will lead the devotion at the June meeting.

Approval of Minutes: After a motion by Carrol Bailey and a second by Margene Hartsough to approve the April Vestry minutes, the minutes were approved.

Parishioners' Comments and Objectives: Fr. Michael told the Vestry that Dick Wilkinson and Brian Husted are very ill.

Treasurer's Report: Fred Boelt, Treasurer, said that while while non-pledge income was over budget for the month of April, pledge income was below budget by \$6400, and loose plate income was under by \$900 resulting in the month's total income being under budget by \$2600. April expenses were over budget by \$350. Year to date the budget is still in the black by \$9600 but that positive balance has decreased by \$3200 since the end of March.

Donations of \$1167 made at Bob Gay's ordination will be used to form a fund, administered by Bob, to address emergency pastoral needs at Bob's new church, St. John's, Hampton. The Covenant Fund has received donations of \$1600 toward its goal of \$10,000.

Upon a motion by Margene Hartsough to approve and a second by Pam Stromberg, the treasurer's report was approved.

Junior Warden: Ann Cooper, Junior Warden, expressed her appreciation for the great help that she received at Bob Gay's ordination and for the ECW reception.

Senior Warden: No report

Associate Rector: The Reverend Lauren McDonald submitted the following report:

“On a personal note, I had the privilege of preaching at the diocesan ECW spring meeting on May 1. My last Fresh Start meeting is May 20. I will still be away from the office some Thursdays due to Commission on Ministry meetings, but I will no longer be attending Fresh Start as my two years are over. On May 16 I will be preaching at the Patriot’s Colony Vespers service.”

Christian Formation

Children: Children and Youth Recognition Sunday will be June 6. It will be held in the nave between the 9 and 11:15 services. Sunday School attendance has been much more consistent this year and our teachers have done a wonderful job!

Youth: The youth group had a great time last Sunday participating in the Ropes Course at Camp Chanco. We had 11 youth and 4 adults. On May 16 the youth group will be holding a car wash during the morning services to raise money for Relay for Life. It will cost \$10. Maria Kane and the Dutros will be overseeing the car wash. On Friday, May 21 the youth will participate in Relay for Life.

Newcomers

Michael and I are continuing our “evangelism” efforts by knocking on doors in our nearby neighborhoods. We are also trying to follow up with those who are visiting us.

Outreach

May is another big Outreach month. The African Team Ministries items are set up in the Narthex until May 16. We were able to take advantage of the spring ECW meeting being held at HNC because some of the women purchased items from AFT. Williamsburg Faith in Action will be here on May 16 as our Outreach Partner of the month. We are hoping to recruit more drivers for them. I am doing some networking to establish relationships in the community. To that end a few Hickory Neckers and I attended an ecumenical women’s gathering at Chickahominy Baptist Church last week. It was a very diverse group, and we were able to make some connections that we hope will bear fruit. We are also hearing word of a food bank being started at this end of the peninsula. If it comes to pass, we plan to be involved.

Pastoral Care

The Healing Team had a check-in meeting on April 27. Several of our members are

attending a healing class at Richmond Hill led by the Rev. Sandi Kerner. They shared some of the things they are learning.

Our EVs are now visiting 5-6 people a week. We're up to 14 EVs and are looking to recruit more.

The knitters continue to enjoy fellowship with each other on every other Wednesday, and their shawls have blessed many people."

Pastor Lauren added that she has been invited by Bishop Hollerith to join a group of clergy who will be attending a week's study program in Oxford, England.

Rector's Report: Fr. Michael submitted the following report:

"Since our last meeting:

- 1. On Friday, April 23rd, Cabaret Honduras was attended by over 40 people. We raised over \$800 in support of our October mission to El Hogar.*
- 2. On Saturday, April 24th, Bishop Hollerith ordained Bob Gay to the Sacred Order of Deacons, and I preached. The parish held a celebratory potluck luncheon afterwards.*
- 3. On Sunday, April 25th, The Rev. Bob Gay preached a farewell sermon on his way to taking his station at St. John's, Hampton.*
- 4. On Tuesday, April 27th, I met with a small group of clergy chosen by The Rev. Canon Jay Magness to lead a diocesan effort in congregational growth and development. We organized, demarcated the boundaries of our work, and established an initial strategy for bringing this ministry into hand.*
- 5. On Tuesday, April 27th, I met with the Personnel Committee to begin discussion on an intentional transition into a long-term pastorate. Among other things, we decided that to have a professional coach would be wise, and among a selection of candidates provided by The Rev. Canon Win Lewis, we selected one and have entered into negotiations.*
- 6. On Friday, April 30th, The Rev. Ann Dieterle, former Associate Rector, shared a luncheon with a number of parishioners. She was in Richmond interviewing for a position.*
- 7. On Saturday, May 1st, we hosted the annual meeting of The Episcopal Church*

Women of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. They were very complimentary of our space and our hospitality.

8. *On Sunday, May 2nd, the youth group went to Chanco for a ropes course designed to build teamwork and self-confidence. Nobody was hurt or injured, and everyone tried the most challenging part of the course.*
9. *On Monday, May 3rd, I began a two-week course on Colossians.*
10. *On Tuesday, May 4th, I attended spring clergy conference with Bishop Hollerith at Chanco.*
11. *On Tuesday, May 4th, I met with the Wardens.*
12. *Sunday, May 9th was the final Sunday in the season for the Choral Scholars at 11:15.*
13. *There were no burials, marriages, baptisms, or transfers into the parish.*

Future Events

1. *On Wednesday, May 12th, the Honduras Mission Team will hold another meeting.*
2. *On Thursday, May 13th, at 7pm, we will celebrate Ascension Day in the Historic Chapel with Holy Eucharist.*
3. *On Saturday, May 15th, the Men's Breakfast will convene again.*
4. *On Saturday, May 15th, Hickory Neck will host the leadership retreat of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Norge.*
5. *On Sunday, May 16th, our youth will hold a car wash to benefit Relay for Life.*
6. *On Monday, May 17th, I will meet with the Diocesan Mission Team.*
7. *On Monday, May 17th, Dr. Michael Daise will commence a four-week course on "Growing Pains: Christianity in Late Antiquity."*
8. *On Wednesday, May 19th, the Jamestown Convocation will hold its monthly Clericus meeting.*

9. *On Sunday, May 23rd, we will celebrate the Great Feast of Pentecost, which will include at least one baptism at 9am.*
10. *On Monday, May 31st, the offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.*
11. *On Tuesday, June 1st, I will meet with the Wardens.*
12. *I plan to attend a newly-formed clergy group in the diocese for long-term pastors (10 years or more in the same congregation; they've graciously decided I'm close enough). We will meet at Bruton Parish on Tuesday, June 8th. I hope this will complement the work I am doing with the Personnel Committee.*
13. *On Saturday, June 12th, I will present Julia Messer as a candidate for ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons. Julia was OEP intern at Hickory Neck in the Fall 2006."*

Fr. Michael added that a discussion of the emerging church movement accompanied his meeting with the Personnel Committee. He is going to do research on this topic and then will write a paper on the movement and how it relates to HNC which he will provide for the Vestry to consider along with other questions that he will email to members for thought.

Fr. Michael expressed the wish that members of Hickory Neck might make the trip to Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, North Carolina to attend Maria Kane's ordination on June 19.

Ministry Reports:

Stewardship: Bill Teale, Stewardship Committee Chair, made a presentation for Stewardship in which he gave a history of church attendance, budgets and pledging from 2003-present and provided a series of changes that Stewardship might consider for the future.

Youth Ministries: Brig Lampert submitted the following report for Children and Youth:

“Upcoming Annual Events

- June 6, Recognition Sunday: the “closing ceremonies” of the Sunday School year... recognition, thanks, appreciative gifts, refreshments, and cake for all adult volunteers and participating students.
- August 2 – 6, Vacation Bible School: cooperative educational enterprise among Bruton, St. Martin’s, and Hickory Neck... this year’s theme = ? this year’s location = ? Recruitment of adult volunteers should occur soon.
- Early September, Sunday School Kick-Off Cookout: it *is* exactly what it sounds like....

Weekly Children and Youth Ministries

Nursery

- Every Sunday during the 9 and 11:15 services
- Provides playful care for infants and toddlers
- Attendance averages approximately 5 or 6
- Linda Becker is the point of contact
- Teenage staffers are paid, and there are several adult volunteers as well

Children’s Chapel

- Most Sundays in the midst of the 9:00 service
- Provides alternate songs and lessons for early elementary-aged children, often including a rector’s homily (whoever is not delivering a sermon to the congregation that day)
- Attendance averages approximately 6 to 8
- Lauren McDonald is the point of contact
- There are numerous adult volunteers, following last year’s solicitation of aid

Sunday School

- Most Sundays during the school year between the 9:00 and 11:15 services
- Provides Christian instruction using the Godly Play (Montessori-inspired) curriculum for pre-K and elementary school children, in 4 separate classes
- Attendance averages approximately 19 or 20
- De Fehrenbach, Stephanie Delk, and Toni Small are the points of contact
- There are 15 total adult volunteers involved

Youth Group

- Most Sunday evenings during the school year
- Provides fun, wholesome fellowship and conversation for middle and high school students
- Attendance averages approximately 10 to 12
- Michael Delk is the point of contact
- There is a rotation of adult volunteers who (a) assist at the youth group's gatherings and/or (b) provide catered meals for those groups"

New Business: None

Old Business: The date for the mid-year Vestry retreat will be announced by email when a date can be found that is suitable for all members.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be on June 8 at 7 pm in the Wilkinson Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Teale
Register