

**Hickory Neck Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes**

June 3, 2008

Present: The Very Reverend Michael Delk (Rector); Bill Teale (Senior Warden/Personnel); Lauris Zeni (Junior Warden); Fred Boelt (Treasurer); Melissa Casheros (Stewardship); Lynn Geddy (Parish Life); Eve Butler-Gee (Register/Communications); Chuck Jundt (Outreach); Ed Joyner (Newcomers); Don Seeterlin (Buildings & Grounds); Paula Simmons (Christian Formation); and Betty Somloi (Newcomers).

Absent: Gay Forloine (Pastoral Care) and Gary Harvey (Outreach).

I. Vestry Check In: Vestry members shared personal news since the last meeting in May, 2008.

II. Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was led by Fr. Michael, followed by Compline in the historic chapel at the conclusion of the meeting.

III. Approval of Vestry Minutes: On motion of Don Seeterlin and seconded by Bill Teale, the minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2008 were approved.

IV. Parishioner Comments and Initiatives: There were no parishioner comments or initiatives.

V. Treasurer's Report: Fred Boelt, Treasurer, reported that finances for the month of May and year-to-date were in the black. An additional \$5,000 has been paid toward principal on the mortgage, which leaves a balance of just under \$40,000. On motion of Chuck Jundt and seconded by Paula Simmons, the Treasurer's report was approved.

VI. Junior Warden's Report: Lauris Zeni, the Junior Warden, reported that, as she had mentioned previously, one of Hope Brans' summer projects was to produce an updated membership roster. Before Lauris left for Israel, she and Hope believed that they were close to finishing this project. However, in the course of the cleanout and purging of items stored on the second floor of the Wilkinson Center, Fr. Michael and Fred Boelt found a parish register from the 1960's. The information from that register will be incorporated into the current membership roster.

Lauris expressed her thanks to Paula Simmons and her helpers for reorganizing the second floor Sunday School space in the Wilkinson Center and the Nursery and Cry Room in the New Chapel; to Don Seeterlin and his helpers for the cleanup of the grounds

and all the other reorganizing and heavy lifting projects around the church campus; and to Lynn Geddy and her crew for providing lunch for all on May 17.

Regarding the upcoming Parish Fall Festival in October 4, Lauris reported that Mark Kintner had not yet found a volunteer to Co-Chair the Festival with him, but was still making phone calls. Mark has asked that Chuck Jundt begin preparing for the Silent Auction and following Bill Teale's suggestion that committee chairs begin meeting soon, Lauris reported that Mark will be contacting last year's committee chairs and confirm their participation.

VII. Senior Warden's Report: Bill Teale, the Senior Warden reported that the revised Hickory Neck Hymnal was ready for publication and hopes are that the Hymnal will be ready for the June 15 between services "Hymn Sing".

Bill reported that, now that the Hickory Neck Church By-Law updates have been ratified by the congregation, he is working with Laurie Brown to produce a separate section of the HNC Website entitled, "Giving to Hickory Neck Church", which will be designed with appropriate subsections to guide potential donors to the giving of various types of gifts to the church.

VIII. Rector's Report: The Very Reverend Michael Delk submitted the following report:

Average Sunday attendance in May 2008 – 205

Average Sunday attendance in May 2007 – 202

Baptisms, since last Vestry meeting:

Mia Renee Foley – 25 May

May Belle Brickhouse – 18 May

NO New Member by Letter of Transfer, Marriages, Burials, or Transfers Out of the Parish, since last Vestry meeting:

Calendar Events, since last Vestry meeting:

- 5/16 ... Newcomer Social, 7p
- 5/16 – 5/17 ... Relay for Life, Jamestown High School
- 5/17 ... HNC Spring Clean Up, 8:30a
- 5/18 ... Special Parish Meeting, 10:15a
- 5/18 ... Family Foyer Year-End Cook Out at Simmon's, 4:30p
- 5/19 ... Outreach Council, 7p
- 5/20 – 5/24 ... Delk on Vacation
- 5/26 ... Memorial Day, OFFICES CLOSED
- 5/27 ... Mutual Ministry Review, Rector & Personnel Committee, 5p
- 5/29 – 5/30 ... Final Bishop Nominating Committee Meeting, Norfolk
- 6/1 ... Sunday School Student and Teacher Recognition, 10:15a

Upcoming Calendar Events:

- 6/8 – 6/13 ... Delk AWAY at Clergy Leadership Project
- 6/15 ... Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing, 10:15a
- 6/23 – 6/28 ... Delk AWAY on vacation
- 7/1 ... Lauren McDonald's 1st day on staff
- 7/2 ... Meet-N-Greets for Lauren, 10am & 7pm
- 7/6 ... Consolidated 9:30 Eucharist with Welcome Reception following
- 7/7 ... Meet-N-Greets for Lauren, 12pm & 7pm

Fr. Michael reported that the work of the Diocesan Search/Nominating Committee was at an end with the selection of five candidates for Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. The names and profiles of the four candidates will be posted on the Diocesan website by Thursday.

Fr. Michael reminded the Vestry about the mid-year Vestry retreat on Saturday, July 12. Accordingly, the Vestry agreed to cancel the regular Vestry meeting scheduled for July 8.

Fr. Michael reported on his meeting with Bruton Parish and St. Martin's regarding a more regular rotation amongst our three parishes for taking the Eucharist to retirement facilities as a part of a greater focus on the elderly in the community. He has ordered specified demographic research material with focus on zip codes which encompass elderly parishioners.

IX. New Business:

A. Appointment of Covenant Board: Now that the By-Law changes have been approved by the Vestry and ratified by the congregation and in accordance with the Future Funding Resolution agreed to by the Vestry (see minutes of April 1, 2008 for full text of the Resolution), on motion of Bill Teale and seconded by Lauris Zeni, the Vestry voted to appoint Mayes Mathews to a one-year term as a member of the Covenant Board (created by that Resolution), beginning December 1, 2008. This appointment will insure continuity of information and experience due to Mayes' experience as a member of the Future Funding Committee.

Bill Teale reported that he, Junior Warden Lauris Zeni, Treasurer Fred Boelt, and Fr. Michael had prepared a slate of six people for service on the Board. Accordingly, each Vestry member voted by secret ballot for four out of the six persons on the slate. The two people with the highest number of votes will serve for three years and the two with the second highest votes will serve for two years. After the ballots were tabulated the results were as follows: Penny Orth and Coleman Ragsdale were elected to three terms, and Dick Newman and Bill Small were elected to two terms. Bill Teale added that the Covenant Board will meet four times a year (and is also authorized to meet by

teleconference), after which members will report on their meetings to the Vestry. The names and profiles of the five members of the Board will be posted.

B. Authorization for a Visit from the Gideons to Raise Funds for Bible Distribution: Fr. Michael reported that he had been approached by representatives of the Gideon Society, which for many years has translated, published and distributed 1.4 billion King James and New King James Bibles worldwide.

The Gideons would like to visit Hickory Neck and request donations for distribution of bibles which the donors would give in memory of a loved one or other earmarked donations. A card would be sent to a person(s) indicating that a Bible has been donated in their name. Fr. Michael proposed that the Gideons give witness talks at all three services (possibly August 24 and September 7) and at the 10:15 am Forum. On motion of Ed Joyner and seconded by Chuck Jundt, the Vestry authorized the Gideons' visit.

X. Old Business: There was no old business to come before the Vestry.

XI. Other Business: There was no other business to come before the Vestry.

The next **regular** meeting of the Hickory Neck Vestry will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 7 pm (one week later than the usual day of meeting) in the Wilkinson Center. The Vestry will meet on Saturday, **July 12 for the mid-year Vestry retreat;** consequently there will be no regular Vestry meeting in July.

XII. Fr. Michael concluded the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Butler-Gee