

Vestry Minutes

January 10, 2011

Present: Fr. Adam, Alice Williams, Bob Edeburn, Connie Raymer, Donna Billioni, Frank O'Stafy, Jim Allen, Keith Rowlands, Laura Peretic, Madge Tamber, Pat Gross, Paula Ference,

Absent: Mike Rice

Fr. Adam called the meeting to order at 7:05 with prayer.

Madge Tamber made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 20, 2010 meeting, with the following correction: Donna Billioni was absent. The Motion was seconded by Donna Billioni. Motion carried

Rector's Report

Father Adam noted that the Christmas services went well. The attendance at the early service was lower than in past year, perhaps due to the fact that we did not have a children's pageant. He also pointed out that we are one of the few churches in the area that still have a late evening full choral service as the main Christmas Eve service; many churches have shifted their emphasis to an early evening service.

Treasurer's Report

The year end financial statements were reviewed. Jim Allen discussed a request to amend the percentage we are taking annually out of the Al Wilson Fund. Madge Tamber made a Motion to reduce the annual withdraw from the Al Wilson Fund from 5.5% to 5%; Connie Raymer seconded the Motion. Motion carried

Jim also proposed selling 10,000 shares of our holdings of Cortland Bank stock. He and Bob Edeburn feel that there is a market for the shares at this time. We will retain 18,748 shares for future disposition. Pat Gross made a Motion to offer for sale 10,000 shares at \$5.60 per share; Connie Raymer seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

A final review of the 2011 pledge campaign showed that pledge numbers are roughly even with 2010. We lost 2 pledging parishioners to death, and 2 have moved away; however 42 pledging parishioners increased their pledge amounts over last year.

The proposed 2011 was reviewed. After discussion, Connie Raymer proposed that the 2011 budget be adopted; Bob Edeburn seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Junior Warden's Report

Frank O'Stafy reported that he is still waiting for one quote for the Allen Hall air conditioning.

He has been in contact with several electricians regarding the lighting/electrical situation in the sanctuary, and is waiting for quotations. Updated lighting, while being initially expensive, should cut down on our electrical bills & repair expense.

Frank presented a quotation from Lowes, for commercial carpeting for the Youth Group Room. After discussion, Jim Allen made a Motion to purchase the carpeting from Lowes, for a cost of \$921.88, installed. Frank O'Stafy seconded the Motion; Motion carried. Laura Peretic will coordinate the installation with Lowes.

Other Business

Father Adam noted that we have the minimum of 3 candidates for vestry for the coming year.

Father Adam has met with a potential candidate for the position of Family and Youth Minister. It is anticipated that the candidate will begin work sometime during the summer, so as to have things in place for the beginning of the 2011 Sunday School year. The diocese will be providing financial assistance towards this position.

Father Adam brought forth a request from Max Schang, a local musician. As King's Music is closing, Mr. Schang would like to teach music students in our facility, several evenings each week. Mr. Schang would either pay rent, or make a monthly donation to St. John's for the use of the facilities. It is also possible that one or more other teachers from Kings would like to use our available classroom space. In addition to teaching, it is also possible that Mr. Schang would use our space for students to give recitals. After discussion, Father Adam was authorized to contact Mr. Schang and work our further details.

Connie Raymer, on behalf of the Episcopal Church Women, presented a list of organizations to whom the ECW made donations; the American Cancer Society, West Hill Ministries, Shenango Valley Community Library. They also made a donation towards the church building utilities, as well as paying the Episcopal Church Women's Assessment. Connie also noted that the recent 3C's of Christmas Cookie sale was extremely successful.

There being no further business to discuss, Frank O'Stafy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40; Madge Tamber seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Peretic, Clerk