

St. James' Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
December 15, 2008

WORSHIP

Rev. Paul Habersang opened with a poem from "Truths for Living."

DISCUSSION

The 2009 budget meeting for the Vestry of St. James' Episcopal Church was called to order at 6:33 at St. James' Church.

Present were Ed Crow, Chip Flanagan, Fred Larson, David Buddington, Nancy Goodwin, Lisa Brainerd, Ann Cahill, Amy Carvell, Gail Lebert, Gayle Kataja, Rob Lynn, Rich Mills, Rev. Paul Habersang, and Rev. Nancy Gossling.

2009 Budget

There was a lengthy discussion about the budget. The vestry agreed on a balanced budget by cutting where possible and by taking an additional \$15,000 from our reserves. We will also request that parishioners put an extra dollar or two into the collection plate each week, which will make a substantial impact by year's end.

INFORMATION

Vestry

The meeting schedule for 2009 was distributed. The meeting date has changed to the third Monday of each month. We still need one more member to serve "at large." The annual reports from each commission are due. There will be a vestry retreat on Friday, February 6th from 6-9 PM when the returning vestry will provide the dinner. Spouses and significant others are welcome. Friday Bishop Curry will speak. On Saturday the retreat will continue from 9-3.

Housing Resolution

Rob Lynn moved and Gayle Kataja seconded the motion to ratify the following resolution "Whereas the Reverends Nancy Gossling and Paul Habersang are employed as Rector and Assistant Rector respectively of St. James Episcopal Church, Glastonbury, CT, which does not provide either of them with a residence, the Vestry resolves to designate a parsonage allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986 of \$3,333.00 per month to Nancy Gossling and \$2,500 per month to Paul Habersang." It passed unanimously.

Pledge to the Diocese

The pledge card to the Diocese is due on January 15. Fred will take care of this.

Other

Ed Crow has donated a computer for Gail Finn's use. She is now keeping the Parish Calendar. Someone from the vestry should coordinate with Barbara Buddington so that a message from the vestry will appear in the next Network.

WORSHIP

Rev. Nancy Gossling ended the meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Goodwin

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