

St. James' Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
July 20, 2009

WORSHIP

Rich Mills opened the meeting with prayer.

DISCUSSION

The monthly meeting of the Vestry of St. James' Episcopal Church was called to order at 6:35 pm at St. James' Church.

Present were Rich Mills, Fred Larson, Carl Benker, Gail Lebert, Scott Thompson, Nancy Goodwin, Jim Bennett, Gayle Kataja, Leslee Flanagan and Jennifer Daukas,

Communications Commission

Carl Benker updated members on the work of his Commission. Carl reminded vestry members to contact him before a sign up sheet is posted. Currently this is not happening. Carl also reminded Commission leaders to respond to his request for mission statements. Carl plans to post these statements on our new and improved web site. Carl is working on many exciting improvements.

Vestry Forum Follow Up

Rich led members in discussion regarding the results of the Vestry Forum held on June 14, 2009. Members spoke about the following:

- How do we get the message out there?
- How do we get people to come here? Once inside the doors, we have so much to offer.
- Business cards and thinking outside the box on how to get people in our doors.

August 1 Vestry Retreat

Rich reminded members of the upcoming Vestry Retreat on August 1. It will begin at 8:30am at St. James. Don Romanik will be here to lead us in a discussion on stewardship. Dick Greene and Chip Flanagan will attend and continue to lead us in discussion on stewardship on a parish level. The Vestry expressed thanks to Dick Greene for the gift of his time and talent.

The Retreat will be followed by picnic at Scott and Tara Thompson's home.

September 13th Parish Picnic/Vestry Fair

The Vestry is planning a picnic for the parish on September 13th after the 10:15 service. This event will officially welcome back parishioners. Each commission is to prepare a table promoting their Commissions committees. There will be grill set up and the Vestry will be offering hamburgers and hot dogs. Gail Lebert offered to coordinate the food. Gayle Kataja will organize the commissions and Jim Bennett agreed to organize the tents and tables. Rich Mills will write something up to go in the Network.

INFORMATION

Rector's and Assistant Rector's Report

Reverends Nancy and Paul are away with the youth at the Boarderlands Trip. Prior to the meeting, they mailed their reports to members of the Vestry. We prayed for a safe trip for both Nancy and Paul and the youth they are journeying with.

Feedback

Vacation Bible School was fantastic. It was a wonderful first year. The feedback from the Heads Up Hartford Week was all positive. Registration for 2009 – 2010 church school is September 13th. Feedback was sought for a possible bus trip to the Cloisters in New York City. The members present thought it was a good idea. Jim Bennett agreed to check with Rich Edwards on the possible air conditioner donation.

DECISIONS

Approval Minutes

Gail Lebert moved that the minutes be approved and Nancy Goodwin seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2009 Vestry meeting. It passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Fred Larson gave the Treasurers Report and passed out four documents for discussion.

The Vestry approved the Treasurer's report unanimously.

WORSHIP

Vestry members selected a prayer partner to pray for during the next month.

Jennifer Daukas concluded the meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Daukas