

St. Mary's Anglican Church
March 11, 2010 Vestry Meeting Minutes

Present: Fr. Michael Sclafani, Rector; Mike Ward, Sr. Warden; Gerald Hatler, Jr. Warden; Kyle Campbell, Clerk; Judy Wilson, Treasurer; Tom Metry, Member Jack Van Patten, Member; Virginia Engel, Member.

Absent: Peter Cabbiness, Member; Brandy Swisher, Member

I. Call to Order

Fr. Michael opened the meeting with a devotional reading at 6:18pm. He noted that Brandy Swisher contacted him by email to excuse herself from this meeting, but that he had not heard from Peter Cabbiness. Tom Metry was late to the meeting, arriving at 6:37pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. The minutes of the February 11th, 2010 Vestry Meeting were presented and reviewed, with there being no corrections or amendments.
 - i. Motion to accept February's minutes made by Virginia Engel.
 - ii. Seconded by Jack Van Patten.
 - iii. Motion Passed Unanimously.

III. Financial Reports

- a. Judy Wilson presented the February 2010 Treasurers Report for discussion.
- b. Judy said that contributions for the month of February are down Fr. Michael elaborated more and said that in order for us to be in line with our proposed budget we need to be taking in \$14,371 a month. Our take in for the month of February is \$8690.05. However Fr. Michael also said that overall contributions are up for the current year.
- c. Fr. Michael explained his choice of healthcare savings (HSA) that will save the church approximately \$5,000 a year compared to the old health care plan.

IV. Property Reports

- a. Gerald Hatler submitted a proposed budget of approximately \$500 for painting, light installation, and creating a cleaner more steeple like look to the cross and polls on the north end of the church building. It would include Painting the poles white, the cross gold and installing a low cost spot light(s) to make the church more visible from the street. The vestry unanimously approved this project. The vestry voted 6 to 1 vote in favor of paying it from the Pat Elgin fund rather than from the Maintenance line item in the General Operating Account.
- b. Mike Ward reported that he and Ron took out the root system that was lifting up the Hospitality Room cement floor. The remaining root under the floor should rot and the floor should not lift any further.
- c. Gerald also reported that he created a signup sheet that will include lists of things that need to be done around the church for improvements. People can sign up for whatever they are interested in volunteering for and Gerald can get in contact with them to set up a good time and date for it to get done.
- d. Fr. Michael said that he has been in contact with two Christian artists who are interested in volunteering to paint a Christian themed mural on the north side of the Bishop Rivera building which faces Kings Canyon Road. Supplies would be paid for by the Church but the labor involved would be donated by the artists. Fr. Michael will have more details at the next meeting such as an estimate of the cost of materials as well as a sketch of the proposed mural.

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- e. Fr. Michael reported that the heating and air conditioning company needed to repair the heating unit on the east side of the church for the third time. The technician reported that the problem was caused by a damper that should only be used for a natural gas system. This system is on propane gas and so the damper was removed. The system now appears to be functioning properly. Other than the initial bill for the first service call no other bills have been received for this problem. If additional service bills are received Fr. Michael will contact the manager of the company to dispute them since the issue had not been fix it right the first time.
- f. Fr. Michael reported that this weekend Ron Hunt will begin re-grading the land to the north of the church and Bp. Rivera building. Ron also plans to begin weed abatement on all of the weeds growing around the church property next weekend.
- g. Fr. Michael reported that we now have the go ahead from the state to start on the final phase of the tree grant project that will include placing \$8000 in mulch around the newly planted trees. St Mary's will have to lay out the funds for the mulch and submit a bill to the state for reimbursement per the terms of the tree grant.
- h. Fr. Michael reported that he purchased a new large door mat to replace the one that was stolen at the entrance of the church. An unknown person added smaller mats at the entrance of the Hospitality Room, Office Building, and Bp. Rivera Building. All of the new mats will be kept inside entrances to avoid being stolen again.

V. Other Reports

- a. Fr. Michael reported that the Youth Group checking account was opened at Union Bank and that there are no extra monthly fees associated with that account.
- b. Mike Ward gave a Youth Group report and said that they will be starting a 7 month study, meeting twice a week based off of the movie "To Save a Life".

VI. Old Business

- a. Fr. Michael gave an update for the ongoing TEC lawsuit against the diocese.
- b. As a follow-up to the discussion initiated by Fr. Michael last month about the Pat Elgin Fund, Fr. Michael provided the vestry with copies of June 2009 correspondence between the attorney and St. Mary's, and the trustee of the Pat Elgin fund account and St. Mary's. The correspondence clearly show that Pat Elgin did not place any restrictions on the use of the funds she left to St. Mary's. In fact the correspondence clearly state that Pat Elgin wishes were that no restrictions applied to those funds and that St. Mary's was to determine how the funds were to be used. The current "capitol improvement restriction" attached to the Pat Elgin Fund is a self imposed restriction decided on by the vestry at an earlier vestry meeting and is subject to change by the vestry at any time as circumstances may warrant. Tom Metry and Jack Van Patten, who were vestry members at the time the Pat Elgin Fund was received and set up, both agreed that this was also their recollection of how the Pat Elgin Fund "capitol improvement restriction" came to be applied to the fund.

VII. New Business:

- a. Fr. Michael reported that Pastor Deo Bartolome, of the International Baptist Bible Church ("IBBC") Filipino Congregation that meets in the Bp. Rivera Building twice a week, will be resigning from the IBBC at the end of the month due to theological and doctrinal differences with the IBBC denomination. Fr. Michael will be meeting with Pastor Deo and representative of the IBBC later next week. After that meeting Fr. Michael will decide whether or not to renew the rental agreement between St. Mary's and the Filipino Congregation. As Fr. Michael understands it, the IBBC would not have a local pastor serve

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that congregation but instead plans to send a pastor here once a week from Los Angeles. Pastor Deo is looking into other churches in other states that will allow him to perform his ministry which is discipleship training. Fr. Michael said that informed Pastor Deo that he would be welcome to lead such training at St. Mary's if he were to choose to do so. Fr. Michael also told Pastor Deo that he would be welcome to continue using the Bp. Rivera Building to lead the Filipino congregation if he so chose.

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VIII. Announcements

- a. Palm/ Passion Sunday: 3/27 & 3/28 sat. At 6:30pm and sun. at 8am and 10:30 am
- b. Holy Week: Tues. & Wed. 3/30 & 3/31 at 9:30am
- c. Maundy Thursday: 4/1 at 6:30pm
- d. Good Friday: 4/2 at 6:30 pm
- e. Holy Saturday Great Easter Vigil: 4/3 at 6:30pm
- f. Easter Morning: 4/4 at 8:00am and 10:30am

Next Vestry meeting will be April 8th, 2010 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 pm with Fr. Michael leading a round table prayer session for the needs of the church and for others who were in need.

Respectfully submitted,
Kyle Campbell
Vestry Clerk