

St. Albans Vestry Meeting

May 16, 2009

In Attendance: Margaret Waters, Ann Brotherton, Yvonne Cyphers, John Gemar, Tony Garcia, Judy Evans, Alan Evans, Mary Helen Inman, John Rouse

Absent: Charlotte Peck, Margie Messinger

Meeting was called to order by the Junior Warden at 1:20 with a quorum present. The meeting opened with a prayer by Margaret Waters followed by a prayer by the Junior Warden, Yvonne Cyphers.

Bible Study: The Bible Study was led by Mary Helen Inman. All Vestry members had been previously asked to bring in an old bible/hymnal/religious text that meant something to that individual and/or to their family. Various books were shared as to what they meant to the owner as well as their history.

Guest Presentation: A presentation was made by Brooke Ferguson from Meridian Solar Energy concerning the continuing study for St. Albans to become more environmentally conscious by installing solar panels for the PLC. The information and bid was quite similar to two quotes received last month. The Vestry will hear from one additional Vendor before taking a vote. A sub-committee was formed to compile all the bids and make comparisons.

Rectors Report:

1. Margaret opened her report by asking all the Vestry Members to recall their "I" statements as revealed during the Vestry Retreat and mention any activities they had been involved in to support that "I" statement.
2. Margaret shared some feedback and on the new Chalice practices of having one for intincting (dipping) and one for sipping. The practice will continue to be tweaked for smoothness.
3. Margaret continues to attend the Rotary Meetings held at the Onion Creek Country Club as it is an effective way to take St. Albans into the community. Her membership has been renewed.
4. The church continues to look into procuring an AED device for St Albans in case of a heart attack emergency.
5. Margaret reported that Bishop Payne's recent visit to St. Albans was a great success. She also noted that Bishop Wimberly will be retiring in a few weeks.
6. The Bible Study Groups (Monday evening and Thursday morning) are going quite well.
7. Margaret will be proposing to start a 2 month Discover's Class starting in the Fall.

8. Margaret mentioned that St. Albans is fortunate to have two (2) Seminarians who bring in different skills and talents to the Parish.

Rectors Report: (Continued)

9. There is a proposal to start a Mother's Group for the fall. In the meantime plans were being made for mothers and children to build packets for the homeless on June 9. Other options under consideration were to attend Trinity Bridge (families in the Salvation Army) and Mobile Loaves and Fishes and make sandwiches.
10. The last Barefoot Mass was pitifully attended and the program will be placed on hold for the time being.
11. The present Youth Minister, Wanda Fletcher, has resigned her position and the search for a new Minister was undertaken. (NOTE: John Gemar, a Vestry member, was excused from this portion of the Meeting). Charlotte Gemar has volunteered for this position. It was noted that we the loss of Youth Minister's has been a regular occurrence at St. Alban's. Charlotte will be assisted initially by Margaret Waters to bring her up to speed. The long range goal will be to develop a true Youth Community. This decision has the approval of the Vestry.
12. The possibility of having a "Mother's Day Out" day was discussed briefly.
13. The Verger's next training day will be May 17, 2007. Margaret has been well pleased with how this new service at St. Albans has gone so far.

Senior Warden's Report:

The Senior Warden was not in attendance.

Junior Warden's Report:

1. The estimate for pew cushions was distributed. It was exorbitant and thus other options were discussed.
2. The glass inserts in the doors have been installed thanks to the able assistance of Mike Evans.
3. Several different Fire/Exit Evacuation Plans were reviewed with one accepted as final with some modifications.
4. The front door lock to the Nave is now geared to the lock in the PLC. The old key will still work on the side doors.
5. The proposals for the Maintenance Contract for the elevator were reviewed. It remains an Open Item for next Meeting as further information will be gathered.

It was noted, after the Junior Warden's Report, by the Assistant Rector that the Shabbat Service at the Synagogue with Cantor Marie on May 29, 2009 is going to be attended by approximately ten members. A conflict developed between two St. Albans sponsored activities on the same night.

New Business:

Rain gutters are needed for the church

New Business: (Continued):

Results from the calls to Parishioners by the Vestry were shared as well as reports from the different Vestry Members on their assigned Ministry's.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported no problems with the Financial Status of the Parish at this time. Allen reported that we were in financially good shape heading into the summer months.

The April minutes were approved with a minor correction by unanimous consensus.

Ann closed the Meeting with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned sometime after 4:00.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted:

John P. Rouse