

St. James Higganum

Vestry Meeting

January 22, 2013

In Attendance: Frank and Anne Aloia; Diane Andrews; Alice Bartolotta; Howie Burr; Ken Cotrone; Cheryl Czuba; Barbara Keefe; Barbara Kish and Dick and Nancy Thompson.

Agenda presented. A motion was made to accept, seconded and motion carried.

Minutes from December 2012 meeting were presented. Motion made to accept, seconded and motion carried.

Financial: The balance in the checking account is \$18,586.00. Pledge to cluster has been paid. Frank asked about insurance coverage. Willis has not sent a bill. Dick thought that the diocesan pledge included the insurance payment. Frank asked about check received from NRG for the cub scouts. The legality of check going through a second party was

questioned. Frank received account information about the Sunday school account (via Steve Carey) from Liberty Bank.

Budget: Frank presented suggested budget for 2013. He asked for input. A motion was made to approve the budget, seconded and approved.

Buildings and Grounds: Sign is ordered and will arrive in 6 to 8 weeks. Windows have been installed. Ann talked to Jeff Feaster-Smith about the renovation about the church front steps. Jeff pointed out that now was a good time to work on project while we are not using the church.

Old Business: Dick asked Jim to come and speak about stewardship.

Cherry talked about a new curriculum for the Sunday school. Cherry asked for the vestry to approve the curriculum. Cherry also passed out a list of planned activities. Dick will post activities on the website.

Sign will be placed out front with Nancy LePard's number for hall rental. Dick will post on website.

Dick spoke about changing phone service to Vonage. We would try to share one line (fax) with the MACM office. One concern is that there is no one to service the system in the event of a problem. Dick will continue exploration.

The vestry is staying on. We will split and half will leave next year and half the following year.

Nancy will set up church cancellation protocols on area TV stations.

Safe church training and background checks. Safe church training is on April 6th and Background checks have been discussed.

The annual meeting is February 3, 2013.

Bishop Ahrens will visit on February 10th. After some persuading from Jim, Bishop Ahrens has agreed to allow us to worship in our regular fashion.

Upcoming events:

Corned Beef dinner- March 16th.

St. Andrews 250th anniversary- April 28th.

Talent Show -May 18th.

Spring Dance- April 20th.

Anne's birthday bash- June 30th with band.

Nancy brought up a discussion about a family in Higganum that is in need of a generator due to the fact that they have child with special needs, Nancy will check with the person who generated the letter to see if there are other groups being asked and if so how we could assist.

Next meeting: February 17, 2013

Respectfully submitted;

Howard Burr

Vestry Clerk

