

PRESENT: Vestry Members: Mmes. Aldrich, Larke, McCall, Neveu, Sabatine, Wooley; Messrs. Rice, Stiling; ABSENT: Mrs. Bourque; Mr. Gillhooley; GUEST: Rev. Wingert

1. Dawn Aldrich opened with a prayer.
2. REVIEW AGENDA: Pam Briglio stated the Worship Committee needed to be removed from Committees. Dawn Aldrich asked that the item Letter would be added to Sr. Warden Report. Larry Rice would like to add Grant Proposal to Jr. Warden report. Christie Meiners will add her report on the retreat under Old Business.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Christie Larke made a motion to accept the minutes of February 17, 2008 as printed. Shelley Wooley seconded. Motion carried.**
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Pam Briglio stated she has just requested \$5,000 from the Endowment Fund. She also stated this about the time of year that we have had to do this. Anita Wingert stated the schedule for the Diocesan Budget formation has been sent out. Anita also stated she has been working with the Eastern Region regarding the budget. The Treasurer's Reports were placed on file.
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - a. Christian Education: a. Christie Larke reported on her attendance to the Mindfulness Retreat at St. Norbet's Abbey. She said there were a lot of meditation, Tai Chi, and mindfulness training. Christie stated she is still learning from the retreat. Christie also thanked the vestry and the church for sending her and will continue to inform St. James as more things come to light.
  - b. Finance Committee: NONE.
  - c. ECW Report: There will be no ECW Work Bees until April. Shelley Wooley spoke at the last meeting on the Episcopal Church in Brazil. The Garden Tea is May 10, 2008.
  - d. Endowment Committee: NONE.
  - e. Outreach Committee: NONE.
  - f. Marriage Committee: There are two weddings this summer. There have been meetings with the couples.
  - g. Communications: Pam Briglio stated a salesman from the Yellow Book Directory had approached the church on placing an ad. It was decided not to pursue this at this time.
7. Sr. Warden's Report: a. Dawn Aldrich stated there was a funeral held at St. James on March 8. She had been approached and since there really wasn't a policy on this, she gave the okay. They gave a \$200 check to the church as a thank you. Larry Rice asked that he be notified in the future regarding the use of the building. b. Dawn read a letter from Lee Brown regarding the meeting in Newberry on Saturday, April 5 for the Eastern Region Board, Eastern Region Personnel Committee and the Standing Committee with regards to Anita Wingert's evaluation. There was a lengthy discussion on the lack of information and misinformation given to the Eastern Region regarding the evaluation and other information the Diocese does not seem to send on to the Eastern Region.

8. Jr. Warden's Report: Larry Rice stated he received information on Property Grants from the Diocese. Two are more like loans and have to be paid back, one is more of grant that needs to have matching funds. He will look into this further. Larry also stated that a new snow blower would not be able to be purchased until fall as the stores were all sold out. Larry stated the Fire Alarms are still having maintenance done on them. He hopes to have them all working properly in the near future.
9. Mutual Ministry: Larry Rice stated after more investigation into the Food Bank, the MST has decided to forgo being involved with the Food Bank.
10. Old Business: Dawn asked if the Audit Committee has come up with a date for the Audit yet. Pam stated Steve Stiling said it was decided to do it after April as that is tax time and some of the audit committee members will be involved with taxes. Pam stated the audit has to be done by June.
11. New Business: The next vestry meeting is Sunday, April 20, 2008 at 11 a.m. Pam Briglio stated she would be out of town that weekend. Dawn Aldrich stated someone would take the minutes.
12. Shelley Wooley made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Sharon Sabatine. Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Briglio  
Clerk of the Vestry