

Vestry Meeting Minutes  
September 29, 2008  
4:00pm Rectory

Present: Father Owens, Rev. Chris Royer, Dottie Bowen, Ray Cook, Linda Wakefield, Burt Harding, Alex Perri, Ken Miller  
Absent: No one

I. Opening devotion led by Linda Wakefield, from C.S. Lewis' book "The Joyful Christian," concerning answered prayer.

II. Minutes of the August 28, 2008, meeting were approved as distributed.

III. Financial Reports

- Income/expense summaries through August 2008 were distributed along with the respective nine year projections, unaudited balance sheet and summary of designated accounts. Income and expenses for the month were in line with historical trends. Monthly expenses reflect a one-time expenditure for the painting of the ministry center and administrative office building. The cash balance reflected an excellent position, as does the year-to-date income and expense positions.
- Father Owens informed the Vestry that an agreement has been reached with BB&T and will be finalized by the end of October.
- The Financial Committee met on September 17<sup>th</sup> to review the financial statements as prepared by the Finance department. There was also additional discussion concerning the Annual Stewardship Campaign.
- Burt Harding, chairman of the Stewardship Committee reported the following:
  - The "Creative Giving" column for September's "Cross Currents" regarding the giving of stocks was presented.
  - Recommend that Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University be offered beginning in January 2009. The training will last for 13 weeks. The Stewardship Committee will be identifying leaders and facilitators to serve as local anchors for the course. The Vestry unanimously approved this plan.
  
- The Annual Stewardship Campaign was discussed with further development and discussion planned for the October Vestry meeting

IV. Other Business

- Father Owens discussed his continuing thoughts concerning assistance to St. John's Mission in Charleston. His ideas have been presented to Bishop Lawrence who is in support of the concept. Father Owens requested that the

Vestry continue to pray for guidance concerning the Church's role in the support of St. John's Mission.

- The Vestry retreat with Bishop Lawrence is scheduled to begin immediately following the conclusion of the Vestry meeting.
- V. Calendars through December 2008 were distributed with a reminder of the next scheduled meeting of the Vestry on Tuesday, October 21, 2008, at 4:00pm, in the Library.
- VI. Rev. Royer closed the meeting with prayer.