

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY JULY 19, 2015

Vestry Members present:

Fr. Anthony MacWhinnie
Chuck Barnett, Sr. Warden
Linda Aligood
Susan Early
Dan Ferguson
Ann Philen

Others Present

Viv Welch, Clerk/Communications
Brenda Ferguson

Vestry Members absent:

Frank Murphy
John Velaski

I. Opening:

Father Anthony opened the meeting at 11:58 am with a prayer.

II. Review of Minutes:

A. Ann Philen moved that the June 25, 2015 minutes be approved with amendments/corrections as follows:

Paragraph III, D should read “Ann Philen moved that the vestry borrow necessary funds from the Frizzel Memorial account to be paid back *with interest* within one year of the date of withdrawal. *Dan* Ferguson seconded the motion.”

Chuck Barnett seconded the motion. Motion carried

B. April 2014 Minutes still pending.

III. Senior Warden’s Report:

A. Chuck and Fr. Anthony met this week with Wayne Briske, Harvester’s Federal Credit Union /Vice President of Business Development/Commercial Loans, to discuss the possibility of an equity loan to develop the thrift store. Mr. Briske is also on the Escambia County Planning Board.

- i. Mr. Briske informed them that the Cantonment area is expected to continue growing.
- ii. There are several improvement projects planned for the Cantonment area. Among them are widening of U.S. 29, an I-10 cloverleaf interchange at Beulah Road, and a corridor to connect Beulah Road with U.S. 29 near Quintet Road.
- iii. With the widening of U.S. 29, Mr. Briske advised them that if we do not have an entrance on 29 by the time construction is slated to begin (2016/2017), the County is not likely to approve one.
- iv. St. Monica’s is poised in a position to borrow approximately \$60,000 at 4% interest from Harvester’s Federal Credit Union to develop the thrift store.
- v. Fr. Anthony inquired about the former Janet Holley office located in the old Winn Dixie property just north of the church. The property is an ideal location and rent and expenses would be approximately \$5,000 per month.

B. Fr. Anthony formed a committee of three to develop a Master Plan for St. Monica’s over the next one, five and ten years. The committee consists of Chuck Barnett, Susan

Early and Chuck Barnett. The first meeting will be this Wednesday, July 22 at 11:00 am. They will develop the plan and presented to the vestry at the next vestry meeting on Sunday, August 16.

IV. Junior Warden's Report:

- A. Dan asked if anyone knew what became of the clipboard containing information about the backflow preventer and the fire suppression system.
- B. Dan has worked on and tightened the mower blades. He is still searching for the one that came off while mowing. He emphasized that the property cannot be mowed at high speed.
- C. It was decided that the plywood sign near U.S. 29 would be taken down.
- D. The A/C is still working.

V. Rector's Report

- A. There was a request to add Alpha Center to the Charity of the Month list. It was decided this would be a duplication of effort. The Alpha Center basket will remain in the Narthex and something will be put in the bulletin reminding people to donate.
- B. Bishop's Consecration
 - i. Fr. Anthony will filter some water from the pond to take to the consecration. Jackie Wright will be asked to carry the water forward at consecration.
 - ii. Someone is needed to carry the banner. They need to be there by 1:00 p.m. John Velaski or Jim Morningstar will carry the banner. The pole for the banner is in the Sacristy.
- C. Dan Ferguson moved that a (Fall) Fundraising Committee be formed to design and implement activities to raise additional funds. Dan will chair with Fr. Anthony and 3 additional people serving on the committee. Chuck Barnett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. New Business

- A. Brenda Ferguson reminded everyone that the Small Church Conference is our chance to shine! She asked if a flyer/letter could be developed to be sent to St. Monica's members and other churches in the diocese asking people to "Save the Date"? She and Fr. Anthony will develop.
- B. Chuck/Fr. Anthony asked Brenda to look into WiFi for the church before the Small Church Conference.
- C. Dan has been working on ideas for fall fund raising. One of the first will be a Spaghetti Dinner, perhaps in August – details yet to be worked out.
- D. The ECW will be sponsoring an indoor Thrift Store Fundraising Rummage Sale on Saturday, September 12.
- E. Chuck will talk to A-1 Small Engines about leasing 1 acre of the northwest corner of the property. Linda reminded Chuck to ask them for insurance certification.

VII. Closing/Adjournment

- 1. Father Anthony closed the meeting with prayer at 2:00 pm.