Vestry meeting minutes – 4.27.10

Those present: Bonnie Underwood, Sr Warden, Charles McMillan, Jr. Warden, Jim Wilson, Lisa Puckett, Betsy Harvey, Del Reichart, Dave Wallace, Cathy Jones, Mike Tompros, Thomas Nolfa, Sally Goldberg, Gail Greene, Secretary, Jim Landers.

Absent: Amanda Scott

Bonnie announced a sad event that occurred in a long time church family that will prevent Ken Swanson from being able to attend.

Meeting begun at 7:10 in prayer by Bonnie.

Bonnie reported Amanda is on her way home and her son is home for her recovery.

Approval of Minutes:
Hard copies are present, those who didn't see the minutes were given time to review them.
Approved unanimously.

Sr. Warden Report:
New member Reception – done at JFH with 18 total in attendance, about 9 new members. Ken had those present to give feedback, asked questions about the integration process, etc. No specific suggestions although positive comments about the Parish Partner concept. Jan will continue to push this concept in the Parish. The suggestion was made to publish the names and photos in the Illumination and in the Parish Hall.

Hal Davies reviewed the Bylaws and Bonnie will bring the suggestions to the next Vestry meeting.

Jr. Warden Report
Sinclair house report – We've stopped the action to sell Sinclair house since the costs to prepare JFH for the youth is too large to gain the needed cash inflow. Charles met with the architect to discuss finishing the basement for the Youth which would cost about $60,000 to meet code. Work continues to estimate completion of JFH, and the architect is providing the work for free for the time being. He's giving us an estimate to allow us to budget. Katie has been involved in the meetings.

Charles believes it would be in the church's best interest to schedule a work day to do some skilled and surface updates to Sinclair House in order to make it more presentable. The suggestion was brought up to add a gas stove, but that would be a code violation as long as the youth are using the space.

Hail damage on Sunday school building and office roof. Will be replaced in the next few weeks by insurance.

Old Parish hall fix up – Cathy reported the DOK wants to fix up this space. An anonymous angel has donated $3,000 to this effort. This will take care of painting, new lighting and window treatments. They are also getting a quote to replace the floors and hope to afford this as well. Donna Nolfa has graciously donated her expertise in making color palette

recommendations. Also need an electrician to come look at the old "can" lights as they are not all working. Betsy suggested it would be nice to turn it into a "parlor". They hope to start in the summer. The vestry thanked Cathy and the DOK. Charles cautioned against "scope creep".

Burial plaque – we need a new plaque as the current one is almost full. Charles has a temporary plan until a new one can be obtained.

Courtyard – Cathy has been able to obtain from another anonymous angel $1,000 to add to other funds. This will allow for some plantings and other beautification of this space. Charles is concerned about scope creep and other needs interfering with this process. He's working with a landscaper who is giving us a 75% discount. The plan posted on the window is not exactly how this will end up looking but is "representational" of what will be there. Other areas of the interior building may also get some minor touchups. Cathy mentioned there are 3 Fulton Co. "Master Gardeners" at St. David's who need a "project" and our church could be that for them.

12 month "finish out" – the contractors will come back to finish some of the issues in JFH such as the door issues. There is an alarm on the panel.

Charles would like to schedule a fall work party date. Cathy pointed out there needs to be an earlier work party to paint the walls inside the courtyard, before the plantings are put in. Another suggestion was made to repaint the "old" buildings to match the JFH exterior color. Charles has a list of items that he's collecting from parishioners and observation that will be passed on to the next Jr. Warden. Thomas suggested that we publish that wish list in the Illumination to offer parishioners the opportunity to assist in completing these projects. Charles suggested that the jobs would need to be packaged to be clearly discreet so they will produce a quality outcome. Cathy and Thomas offered to help with this idea. It is important that the parish understand that this is all being completed through gifts in addition to their pledges. If the giver is willing, they should be given credit for their gifts. Suggestion also made to inform the parish of what projects are being planned and getting ready to start.

Jim Landers – treasurer's report to be sent soon. Books just closed last night. Non-member contributions and donations are exceeding budgeted amount. Only area of concern at this point is that flower spending is exceeding the budget year to date. Will continue to watch.

Funding question about calls for JFH donations – Feedback to Cathy Cheatwood related to parishioner's intentions is important. A small number of parishioners are giving to capital campaign of JFH and the Rector's discretionary fund, to avoid contributions to the Diocese or national church. Discussion of current JFH pledge follow-up calls, with instructions to all the Vestry to email Cathy Cheatwood and cc Ken regarding any comments given by those called. Jim and Bonnie will be reviewing feedback and making decisions regarding "write offs" if any. Mike mentioned that the financial report in this Sunday's bulletin was very positive. Jim mentioned that doesn't reflect the JFH needs. Discussion about how to provide more information periodically so parishioners have a realistic view of the financial state of the parish. Bonnie met with the staff recently to review the finances.

Dave asked a question regarding tax status for income from endeavors such as the Bridge club. Jim Landers mentioned this was covered in a Diocesan meeting, and he'll research to ensure he's aware of the limits allowed, but at this point

there are no concerns about tax status, based on the limited revenue brought in by JFH, in comparison to all the contributions to St David's.

Mike mentioned we should encourage rental of JFH.

Mike reported Brotherhood of St. Andrews, Acolytes and LEM liaison report – all is well.
Sally reported on Children's and Youth ministry, adult Sunday school – all is well.
Thomas reported on St. David's choir, Children's choirs and Magnetic ministry and hand bells.
Bonnie reported on Honduras – Feb trip went well with 17 people from 5 different churches and 4 first timers. June trip, 12 are confirmed to go with another possible 4-6, including 5 youth. The June trip will have a new leader, Pamm Ferrand.

Search committee – parish survey has been completed and will "go live" on May 9th. Notice has been published in the Illumination. The committee is now working on non-survey related profile items. Profile has to be approved by the Diocese and Vestry.

Anti Racism seminar scheduled for May 22nd at JFH.

Forum Committee Updates:
Number Crunchers – Subsequent meeting to be scheduled in May/June timeframe.
Prayer Warriors – moving along well, prayers being sent out every week. Bonnie suggested another Illumination article and email blast and Sunday Announcements.
St. David's and Proud of It – Marketing pieces developed by Jan Georges with Ken's review. He wants the group to start a committee who will be responsible for Parish Partners and to encourage parishioners to invite friends.
Good News –"window" is not as visible as Mike wanted it to be.

Parish Health Ministry is going to announce a "Walk to Camino de Santiago", starting in August, as both a building community and building wellness campaign. The goal will be to have the parish participate in a 9000 mile walk to support the October pilgrimage, through a combined "counting" of all the miles walked by participants, from August to October, to coincide with the completion of the pilgrimage. Details to follow, as Gail Greene determines how to address the logistics, including potential purchase of inexpensive pedometers for parishioners use.