

St. Agnes Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Agnes Episcopal Church, Little Falls, N.J. was called to order at 7:50 P.M. with a prayer led by Father Neglia.

Present: M. Borden, D. Neglia, A. Picazio, T. Ploch, W. Drake-Schneider and D. Thomas, S. Cox, J. Skal (treasurer)

Minutes: Review and discussion of April 4th minutes. Clarification of authorized signatures for both investment and operating accounts was made. Minutes will be amended to add Robert Patrick as an authorized signature to the investment account, and Daphne Thomas to be added as an authorized signature to the operating account. A motion, to accept the minutes of the April 4th meeting (as amended) was made by S. Cox, 2nd by W. Drake-Schneider and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: J. Skal reported that utilities are higher than last year at this time, but otherwise spending was within expected limits. The Easter collection was good. We are over expended in the 3R fund due to replacing the dishwasher. A motion to accept the March 2006 treasurer's report and file it for audit was made by T. Ploch, 2nd by D. Thomas and approved unanimously.

Rector's Report: Fr. Neglia reported that he visited parishioners at Cedar Crest, Glen Arbor & St. Vincent's nursing homes, provided shut-in communions and visited Mountainside Hospital.

Business Items:

1. **Carnival:** The carnival is scheduled for June 3rd. Need to sign up volunteers for the day. No 50/50 during this children's activity.
2. **Children's liturgy:** This year's children's liturgy will be on Pentecost Sunday and will include a liturgical dance with the assistance of Nicole Sauter. This will be an opportunity for the children to have a hands on experience with the liturgical activities (piffle) to inspire future leadership and stimulate future ministry. Information about the service will be on the web site. Some discussion followed about opportunities for parishioners of all ages to participate through lay reading.
3. **Bulb replacement:** We need to act on replacing all bulbs with longer lasting, more efficient bulbs. W. Drake-Schneider will follow up on pricing, T. Ploch will purchase.
4. **Power Squadron counter-proposal:** the Squadron has provided a written counter proposal for their annual contribution for the use of St. Agnes space. They are suggesting an increase of \$500 for the entire 3 year contract, rather than an

increase in each year of the contract. After some discussion, the vestry recommended that Fr. Neglia propose an increase of \$500 for a one year extension of the current contract, and a review of the need for any further increase based upon a review of utility costs at the end of the one year extension.

A motion to adopt these recommendations was made by T. Ploch, 2nd by A. Picazio and approved unanimously.

5. Question about SACC increase: Fr. Neglia asked to clarify the current rental situation with SACC based upon the fact that the “rental agreement” is based upon the calendar year. Since SACC voluntarily raised its contribution to St. Agnes for use of the building recently it was suggested that the increase to the monthly contribution begin in January 2007. SACC will be increasing its monthly contribution in July and August as customary due to the increased time the space is used. There is a need to update a written agreement between SACC and St. Agnes for the use of the building. A copy will be available for the next vestry meeting.

6. Rector’s vacation: Father Neglia will be on vacation for the month of July. The Rev. Gary Blumer will take the services for the month with emergency coverage provided by area clergy.

7. Other items for discussion:

- a. Changing station – a second station will be added in the ladies’ room outside of the library.
 - b. Upstairs closet – there is furniture stored in the closet that needs to be removed. W. Drake-Schneider will follow up.
 - c. Changes in Library – Thank you to Maria Elliott for cleaning out the toys and straightening the supplies in the library.
8. Something to think about: Is there any way to raise some revenue for the church through a partnership with NJ Transit?
9. Special Guest: Bradley Borden was a guest at this vestry meeting and was exceptionally well behaved throughout the proceedings. We almost didn’t know he was there.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by T. Ploch, 2nd by M. Borden and approved unanimously at 9:15 pm. Fr. Neglia led us in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Robert J. Patrick, Clerk Pro Tem

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 2006