

## Vestry Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2013

7 p.m., Farmer Hall

**Attendees:** Rev. S. Domienik, G. Gregory, A. Miller, B. Naegel, M. Mason, M. Greene, J. Milner, G. Hines, J. Fisler, J. Polk, B. Hoffman, Lucinda Embersits, K. Golden

**Absent:** S. McCann, N. Rawlings

**Guests:** Rev. J. Kateeba, M. Hoffman, R. Fisler, M. Maguire

1. Opening Prayer (J. Fisler)
2. Welcome: The Vestry warmly greeted Rev. John Kateeba who is here visiting from Uganda.
3. Outreach presentations:

a. Team Uganda: (Martha Hoffman/John Kateeba)

Activity highlights: the scholastic needs of four orphans that we support, various capital projects, hosting of several Ugandan friends, CT Church Partners, mission trips, sponsorship of Call to Care Uganda activities and partnership, and an upcoming cookie fundraiser in lieu of "Chicks for U".

Financial need: \$3650 is needed in 2013 to meet the goal of helping the orphans.

Participation: There is a small core group of Team Uganda members.

b. Madison Cares (a.k.a. Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven) (Mike Maguire)

Background and impact of program – began as an incubator at St. Andrew's. They are currently working on ninth home and have raised over \$450,000 for these efforts. Madison Cares provides leadership, volunteer labor, and financial support.

Participation: The organization is completely run by volunteers. Once a year, MC runs "Raise the Roof", a local, mini-shift experience to build walls for a home that draws participation from the broader Madison community. St. Andrew's is a Founding Sponsor which helps provide a portion of the underpinning of the organization.

c. Current "Core" Outreach Programs (Rich Fisler)

St. Andrew's annually funds several programs that are very closely tied to

the Episcopal Church and also those that St. Andrew's parishioners are very involved with such as Episcopal Relief & Development, Madison Cares, Uganda Mission, St. Andrew's Cares Day project, Youth Group HOME trip, Rector's Discretionary Fund, Bishop's Fund for Children, Covenant to Care, and the Crop Walk. There are also several "non-core" organizations that are supported over the last several years; however, we may not be currently supporting them. Rich will provide guidelines for funding core programs to the Vestry.

- i. A motion was made (G. Gregory/K. Golden) to contribute to the Branford Soup Kitchen from the Outreach fund, dollar for dollar, an amount that matches the recent "Souper Bowl" fundraiser which raised approximately \$500. The exact amount is to be determined but will not to exceed \$500.

**Motion approved with one abstention.**

- ii. A motion was made (J. Fisler/M. Mason) to assist in funding the bowling event on March 10, 2 p.m. at Old Saybrook Bowling Lanes at an amount of \$4 per person up to \$200 from the Outreach fund. This event supports the Branford Soup Kitchen.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

4. Approval of January minutes:

A motion was made (B. Naegel/Lucinda E.) to approve January's meeting minutes as submitted. **Motion approved unanimously.**

5. Treasurer's Report - Cathy

- a. Cathy provided background information on Treasurer's Report. For January, income exceeded expenses by \$5,676.30.
- b. The Serendipity account has been closed and it was determined that there is no remaining balance.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report (B. Hoffman/A. Miller) with the correction to zero out the Preschool operations on the Consolidated Fund report.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

6. Vestry Retreat: scheduled for March 16, 8:30 for fellowship, 9 a.m.-12 noon

7. Update on Priest-in-Charge (S. Domienik)

- a. Barbara Casey will return soon to discuss if we are ready to proceed. She meets with Bishop Ahrens tomorrow to prepare. Steve will meet with the

two of them in the near future and then a meeting with the Vestry will be arranged.

8. Vestry Contribution to Auction: it was agreed that Vestry members will contribute a bottle of wine if they are able.
9. Old Business: Rich Fislér 's position as chair of the Outreach committee needs further clarification.
10. A motion was made (J. Fislér/B. Hoffman) to adjourn the meeting.  
**Motion approved unanimously.**

(Minutes taken by Brenda Naegel)