

**Galilee Church**  
**Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**January 15, 2008**

Hugh Patterson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order in the Celebration Center at 7:10 p.m. Present are: Hugh Patterson, Tim Robertson, Kay Scarborough, Pam Everett, Rusty Roller, Jimmy Jordan, Jaime Rawles, Buzz Gallien, Page Lea and Jim McCaa. Also present by invitation of the Vestry: Rev. Jay Magness and Tom Duffey.

Guests: Ms. B. J. Taylor, Consultant and the Very Rev. Kathleen Bobbitt, Associate Rector, Eastern Shore Chapel.

Kay Scarborough opened the meeting in prayer.

Tim Robertson moved the minutes of the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved, seconded by Jimmy Jordan. Motion approved.

Ms. B.J. Roller gave a presentation which outlined her experience, expertise and current employment in providing services as a search consultant. The Vestry members questioned her concerning her experience, her availability and her views concerning the role of a search consultant.

The Rev. Kathleen Bobbitt was introduced by the Rev. J. Magness as the new interim Associate Director of Galilee Church. Rev. Bobbitt discussed her calling to both the ministry and to Galilee Church.

Page Lee gave the financial report. We have a 2007 budget deficit of \$160,000.00 which is about \$200,000.00 better than the projected deficit. The projected budget deficit for 2008 is \$403,000.00 based on pledges received to date.

Rev. Jay Magness gave his Rector's Report (see attachment).

Page Lea made a motion that non-member wedding fees be adjusted to \$2,000.00, seconded by Tim Robertson. Motion approved. It was determined that a fee of this amount would fairly reimburse the church for expenses incurred in hosting a wedding.

Hugh Patterson moved that the Vestry approve the housing allowance for Rev. Kate Bobbitt, the new interim Associate Rector of Galilee Church, seconded by Pam Everett. Motion approved.

After some discussion, Jim McCaa made the motion to hire the Rev. Richard Bridgford as the Rector Search Consultant for Galilee Church, seconded by Kay Scarborough. Motion approved.

The Vestry formed a sub-committee for receiving nominations and making recommendations for the 2008 Vestry elections to be held on April 6, 2008. The subcommittee includes Pam Everett, Jaime Rawles, Jimmy Jordan and Kay Scarborough. The Galilee congregation will be advised in the Net and Galilee's Sunday bulletins over the next several weeks that the annual meeting and Vestry elections will be held on April 6, 2008. The members of the congregation will be encouraged to nominate persons whom they think are qualified and willing to serve.

The Rev. Jay Magness agreed to draft a policy statement which recommends criteria for church membership, baptism and marriage at Galilee Church. This draft policy statement will be presented at the next regular meeting of the Vestry.

The Vestry agreed to hold an All-Church Forum on the Diocesan Resolution sponsored by Galilee Church Vestry in conjunction with the Vestry of Holy Trinity, Onancock, Virginia on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> in the Nave at 12:15 p.m. Copies of the Resolution will be handed out at Church on January 20<sup>th</sup> and in the All-Galilee email list serv.

The Vestry also formed a worship service sub-committee for the purposes of reviewing the current Sunday church service schedule at Galilee Church. This committee includes Tim Robertson, Jim McCaa, Jaime Rawles and Kay Scarborough. They will review various church youth and education programs in determining whether or not recommendations for change in the Sunday church service schedule would be helpful in promoting increased church participation.

It was noted that future important dates include the Church Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections on April 6 and the Vestry Retreat to be held on April 11-12, 2008. The Vestry Retreat will include both members who are leaving the Vestry after three years of service and new members who are elected on April 6.

Tim Robertson closed the meeting in prayer at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Buzz Gallien  
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