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VESTRY MINUTES
July 11, 1977
Fr. E. Don Taylor, Presiding

--Opening prayer by Fr. Taylor.

--Introduction of Mr. Donald Lutas of Seminary in Jamaica who is working this summer at the Community Center. Mr. Lutas' acceptance at the meeting was moved by Miss Hunter and seconded by Mr. Wm. McAlpin. Motion carried.

--Congratulations to Mr. Frederick McAlpin on his recent marriage.

ATTENDANCE; Vestry: Wm. McAlpin, Sahron Curry, James Ward, James Williams, Josie Hunter, Sweetie Wiggins, Willard Morse, Philip Goffney. Assoc. Vestry: H. Anita Wing, Wilfred ~~xxxMxxxx~~ Epps, Frances Campbell, Alexander Clark, Peggy Johnson. Non-Members: Donald Lutas, Frederick McAlpin. Mr. Clark telephoned his lateness.

--Minutes Corrections and Clarifications-"records", instead of "recors", leakage refers to plumbing, "Mrs." Reid instead of Mr., Boy's 'Choir bill of instead of og, Clarification of bill sent to gas company without money.

Moved by J. Hunter, seconded by J. Williams that minutes be accepted with corrections and clarifications. Motion carried.

Matters Arising in Minutes--New assisting Priest, Dr. Pope, will be joining us the first of September. His services will be restricted to Sundays and minor duties during the week will be worked out.

--Contacted Rev. Bennett Smith about providing St. John's bus to transport group to Rochester for UBE Conference, ~~butxxxx~~ Bus was made available, but could not provided driver. It was too late to arrange for a driver with special license.

--\$1800 bill for Boy's Choir robes; Mr. McPherson agreed to finance robes. After board, that had been established by Fr. Taylor, had to be dissolved, ~~MrxxMxxPxxxxxx~~ due to bickering by members on their personal importance, Mr. McPherson has ignored bills sent to him after making an initial payment of \$100. Fr. Taylor has assumed the responsibility for raising the \$1800. He has asked the Church Hdqtrs. for assistance and the money will be forthcoming. Mr. Ward asked if there was any announcement to the Vestry of dissolution of the board and if there shouldn't be some kind of checks and balances, and should the choir be responsible to the church. Answer: Yes. There are plans to establish a new board and By-Laws which the Vestry will approve. The drawback to establishment in the name of St. Philips is that many organizations will not fund church organizations. Mr. Ward asked what steps will be taken in the future. Fr. Taylor assured that any new steps as far as the choir is concerned, will be taken to the vestry. Funding will be sought and the choir will remain a part of St. Philips. Fr. Taylor spoke to the Parents Organization of the choir the explain the letter from the Vestry asking about the unpaid bills and financial status of choir. Miss Hunter asked if money will available

to meet the bill of approximately \$1800. The matter will have to be discussed with Mrs. Ernestine Greene, who is treasurer. Miss Hunter thinks something should be done soon to at least pay on the bill. Company has been contacted. Catholic Supplies has been paid \$500 and Almay \$100 in February. Fr. Taylor noted that bills should be sent to Boy's Choir but they come to St. Philips in order to use tax exempt status. Assurances given by Fr. Taylor that active efforts will be made to get the bill paid and get a new board started. ~~Supply Priest~~--Moved by Miss Hunter, seconded by Sharon Curry that the overpayment of of \$75 instead of the budgeted \$40 be taken from Religious Ed. or Community Outreach. Motion carried.

--Episcopal Charities--deficit not as large after a final recheck showed unrecorded pledges. Men's club wrote check for \$100 to cover part of deficit.

--Mrs. Reid--Job description has not been redone. Meeting of Rector, Warden, and Mrs. Reid has not taken place. In light of Vestry's request for such a meeting, the letter to be sent to Mrs. Reid as instructed by Mr. Van L. should not be sent.

--Linen Bill--being received even though linen service has been discontinued. A call should be made to Co. to clear up the matter.

RECTOR'S REPORT--June was dominated by pains for UBE Conference. Conference was a great success--tremendous acclaim from delegates. A word of commendation to our UBE members. Mrs. Rudd elected V. Pres. of National UBE. St. Philip's role in UBE Conference was financed without going into the red.

--Correspondence--D House--certificates from diocese for lay delegates for convention in Oct.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION--Miss Hunter--Report written and filed. Ventures in Mission workshop that was held in May with participants that represented a cross-section of the parishioners. This workshop was conducted in each parish throughout the diocese with the purpose of coming up with a list of parish priorities for mission and then then combining them to set up diocesan priorities. The Vestry was asked to consider/what directions we should go in implementing what St. Philip's workshop produced as its priorities. When final meeting was held at Calvary, references were made to St. Philip's group being the most enlightening and best structured. Fr. Taylor: Rather than present a slate of priority listings for diocese this year at the convention, diocesan priorities will come from VIM workshops because it reflects true priorities of the diocese. St. Philip's priorities were understandably different from those of other parishes and special attention should be given St. Philip's because of activities generated and for educational purposes.

TREASURER'S REPORT--No report. Report with absent Mr. VanL.

REBUILDING--Contracts signed but no work begun. Some activities to start this week. Mr. VanL has all information on rebuilding

work. Mrs. Wing commented that the Jr. Warden should know what Sr. Warden knows. They should work together, so that if Mr. VanL is not here, Mr. Wiggins can make report. Suggestion was made to call Mr. VanL at home. Mr. Wiggins called. Phone conversation revealed that Mr. Van L has eye trouble. Is unable to attend meeting. However, contractors will begin work Wed. of this week. (July 13)

PROPERTY NEXT DOOR--Fr. Taylor--papers drawn up by Mr. McGranor's lawyer. Offer of \$6,000 made. It was refused for \$7,000, the original request. Mr. Sparks is following through. Waiting to hear from the McGranor's Lawyer, who has been very abusive to Fr. Taylor and has threatened a lawsuit for breach of promise. \$5,000 has been received from Festival Committee for the purchase. It was restated that our offer was \$6,000 because that was what Mr. Sparks said the property was worth, but even before the appraisal by Mr. Sparks the Vestry approved the purchase for \$7,000. Mrs. Campbell called the whole matter unfortunate. A lengthy discussion was held on how the matter has been handled.

OLD BUSINESS--Parish Picnic--to be publicized to attract kids in order to introduce them to St. Philip's. No limitation on number who can attend. All are welcomed. The goal is to have people feel that the picnic is not closed to them because they are not members of St. Philip's.

--Rectory Repairs--Needs painting and minor plumbing, particularly draining in basement. Vestry needs to give some consideration before serious defects and costly renovations. Miss Hunter asked what did property committee do when the matter was called to their attention earlier. Mr. Clark noted that he and K. Greene went over and appraised the property and made a list of recommendations. Paint charts were sent to Mrs. Taylor to select paints. Nothing else has been done. Mr. Williams asked that the Property Committee follow through. Mr. Morse said that he would get painters to go in one Sat. and paint the interior. Moved by Miss Hunter, seconded by Mr. Morse that whatever money is available be used to do what has to be done. Motion carried. Mr. Morse proposed asking parishioners to give money to renovate. Miss Hunter feels parishioners should not be asked. Fr. Taylor also spoke against this proposal. Miss Hunter suggested that Org. of Org. come up with a plan to generate funding for renovation. Fr. Taylor further suggested that Property, Stewardship, and Org. of Org. get together for strategy on raising money for renovation. Fr. Taylor also made urgent request for sturdy doors for the Rectory for security purposes.

NEW BUSINESS--Fr. Taylor asked that organizations take note before going on vacation that the Annual Parish Meeting this year is to be held in Dec. and to begin the necessary preliminaries.

--Fr. Taylor has deferred his vacation until Fr. Pope will be here and we will not need a supply priest. He is to attend College of Preachers in Wash., DC to do study in Sept.

Miss Hunter moved adjournment, seconded by McAlpin.

Closing with prayer.