

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Hope, NJ**  
**Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**July 31, 2007**

**Members Present:** Fr. Bill Potter; Sue Franson, Sr. Warden; Bart Cousins; Cheryl Crisp; Tom Palmieri; Chuck Winch and Laura Wright. Also present: Sharon Cousins, Treasurer.

**Opening:** Fr. Bill opened the meeting at approximately 7:15 PM with a prayer.

**Minutes from the May 29 meeting** were approved following a motion by Laura, which was seconded by Cheryl.

**Financial Reports:** Sharon presented the financial reports for St. Luke's as of June 30, 2007. There was a brief discussion noting that Fund Raising is at only \$904 at the half-way point for the year. Based on the Budgeted income for the year as being \$7000, we are currently \$2,596 Under Budget. It was pointed out that we still have the Lyra Concert in September and the Hope Christmas Craft Market in December. Both of these projects will need the full support of the entire congregation in order to reach the budgeted goal. The subject of Fund Raising will be looked at in more detail at the next Vestry meeting. It was also noted that Haven of Hope for Kids owed St. Luke's \$12,917.46 as of 6/30/07. Fr. Bill reminded those present that most of the grant funding for Haven of Hope is not received until late in the year. He is presently anticipating that there will be sufficient funding received to cover all of the costs of Haven of Hope. A motion was made by Chuck, and seconded by Sue, to accept the reports. The motion passed.

**Haven of Hope for Kids:** Fr. Bill presented the Haven of Hope for Kids Financial Report as of 7/31/07, with the stipulation that he believed there to be a discrepancy of \$8. On a motion made by Chuck and seconded by Laura, the report was accepted, with a reservation regarding the \$8 discrepancy.

Fr. Bill reported on the Haven of Hope for Kids program, which has been going well so far this summer. He informed those present that he had been able to secure insurance for Haven of Hope from The Church Insurance Company of Vermont, which is the same company that insures St. Luke's.

**Liturgical Innovations:** 1) "Happy Dollars" for Haven of Hope for Kids, was begun on Sunday, July 29. The activity is scheduled to continue on every other Sunday at the beginning of the worship service. It offers everyone an opportunity to tell about something in their lives about which they are "Happy". Anyone who wishes to participate in this activity will be given the opportunity to place \$1 in the "Happy Dollars" jar.

2) Fr. Bill, with help from our summer Intern, Jon Owens, and Gary Kutzelman, are offering the congregation the opportunity to learn new music.

**Youth Program:** There was a discussion of the components which should be included in the programs for the Youth of St. Luke's. Those components are:

- Sunday School
- Children's Choir (one performance per quarter)
  1. Bishop's visit on October 21
  2. Christmas
  3. Easter
  4. Pentecost
- Friday Fun Night (once per month, depending on participation)  
Possibly work with St. John's UMC, Hope
- Confirmation/Reaffirmation at the time of the Bishop's visit
  1. Fr. Bill will verify that the Bishop is willing to offer this
  2. Instructions will be offered for both Youth and Adults

**Membership:** There was a discussion regarding the goal of having 70 families as members of St. Luke's by 2012. One suggestion to help achieve this goal is for each member of the Vestry to bring one family to church.

**Church Renovation:** Fr. Bill informed the Vestry that the renovations of the church had begun. During a discussion of the projects, questions arose regarding the scheduling of the projects and regarding the painting of the floor. It was decided that the Vestry would invite Guy Walton and Dick Krause to meet with them on Sunday, August 5, following the 9 AM service.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 28, at 7:00 PM, in the Parish House.

Bart closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon C. Cousins