

Vestry minutes—March 15, 2011

ABSENT

Don Burt  
Karen DeSousa  
Keith Murdock

The meeting was called to order by M. Mary Kate and a quorum was present

MINUTES

Correction: Anne Doyle's name was misspelled  
Minutes were approved as corrected

FORMATION

1 Corinthians Chapter 9 was read and discussed

INFORMATION

2419 update  
Cash shortage from fall 2010 not yet resolved-we may need a special meeting to discuss.  
Lent Tuesdays  
No financials for 2011 to date

TO PRAY FOR

Japan  
Dick Meckley  
Ruth and Buck Frye  
Mother Kay and Doug as they travel  
Rebecca Reiderman  
Craig Autry-neck surgery

DISCUSSION

Tonight's discussion revolved around the issue of perception vs. reality. A number of examples were discussed as noted below.

Perception: We support campus ministry

Reality: We don't know what's going on. Not much contact between students and parishioners. Night and day differences but students are interested in having a relationship.

Perception: We see ourselves as friendly and welcoming.

Reality: We really aren't.

Perception: St. John's is a liberal church. We are conservative, Anglo- Catholic, Anti-gay.

Reality: Who are we? How do we want to describe ourselves?

We also touched on Taize and Daily offices in terms of attendance-"if it's going on it's working mentality" but people do not participate.

Mardi- gras compared to 4th of July-we need to have fun and share it.

Small groups not really working.

Greeting and new-comer ministry.

**BLESSINGS**

M. Kay met a group of BOHO clients outside on a Mon. night when we were not open. They explained that they were here for Bible study.

Mardi-gras

Large number of attendees for meetings on Mar. 12 and 13.

Dowell got health insurance

Vestry kept a BIG secret-even from one of its own

Improving weather and flowers coming up

Respectfully Submitted      Betsy Matteson