

St. Simon's On-The-Sound Episcopal Church

Vestry Retreat - Business Session

14 January 2017

Clergy: The Rev. David Knight, Rector, Deacon Clelia Garrity

Vestry Members: Gene Correll (absent), Elle Estes, Senior Warden Van Fuller, Anne Hall (absent), Cathy Halprin, Lori Lawhorn, Frank Milhous, Rob Newton, Henry Rabby, Barbara Smith, Debbie Vaughan, Junior Warden Paul Wheelless (absent)

Clerk: Ellen Dodson

1) Finances: Fr. David distributed a copy of the 12/31/2016 Finance Report to vestry members who had time to review, with some line items highlighted:

- a) Combined Plate & Pledge Year-To-Date was 97% of amount budgeted.
- b) \$11,000 donation from ECW for Craft Fair receipts was moved to 2017.
- c) Concerning donations from parish organizations, canonically it is a vestry decision as to how the money is dispersed, not the organization's decision.
- d) It will be wise to spend some Designated Account money when necessary, and to use Memorial Funds more readily than in the past few years.
- e) Total Operating Fund expenses were under budget, primarily due to the Associate Rector leaving.
- f) Under Personnel, the Rector's four line items will be condensed to one in the 2017 Financial Report.
- g) Fr David hopes for staff salary increases, long overdue for the long term faithful employees.

2) Stewardship

- a) The New Consecration Program will begin January 21 with Van Fuller as chair.
- b) There are already signs around the church: "It's Coming" to peak the interest of parishioners.
- c) First official announcement will be in upcoming week's E-pistle.
- d) We will have parishioners speak at services as a stewardship testimony for the next three weeks.
- e) Three letters will go out via USPS, and vestry help is requested to stuff envelopes along with passing out RSVP cards at services on February 12, New Consecration Sunday. On that day, parishioners will return their cards, after which all will gather together at lunch which will be coordinated by Mary Hauge.

- f) On Consecration Sunday, the children will convene for their own special time.
- g) Prior to New Consecration Sunday, there will be a Leadership Dinner, Monday February 6 at Magnolia Grill.

3) **New Business:** Senior Warden nomination was presented for Eucharistic Minister licenses for Kelley Fuller and Jennifer Knight. Motion carried.

Old Business: Montessori expansion is still a possibility with their board approval. If approved, they will use the Godly Play classroom. Stay tuned for updates.

Respectively submitted,

Ellen Dodson
Clerk of the Vestry