

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

Vestry Minutes – 15 December 2015

### **Attendees:**

The Rev'd Edward Harrison, Interim Rector

The Rev'd Eric Zubler, Associate Rector

Bob Hauge, Senior Warden

JoAnn Gorsuch, Junior Warden

Ellen Dodson, Clerk of the Vestry

Mike Sheppard, Treasurer

**Vestry Members:** Rhoda Adams-Reiss, John Gardner, Jackie Glover, Donna Kendrick, Renee Larson, John Sanders, Debbie Vaughan

**Vestry Members absent:** Gene Correll, Cathy Halprin, Joey Havelka

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at the home of Bob and Mary Hauge with devotion by Rhoda Adams-Reiss.

### **Motions:**

1. A motion by Rhoda Adams-Reiss, seconded by Debbie Vaughan, yielded a unanimous vote to approve tonight's agenda.
2. A motion by Donna Kendrick, seconded by Debbie Vaughan, yielded a unanimous vote to approve the November 2015 minutes.

### **New Business:**

1. Treasurer's Report: An October increase in plate & pledge, and a good start this month, both put us on track to finish the year strong.
2. Stewardship Report: As of December 14, we have received 144 pledges for a total of \$472,733. This is about 94% of our targeted dollar amount, but we're lagging in the number of pledging units. We have had twenty-one new pledges and forty-eight who have increased their pledge. The treasurer, assistant treasurer, associate rector, and senior warden reviewed the status of seventy past pledging units from whom we haven't heard. Twenty-two are either deceased or have relocated, so this leaves forty-eight which need to be contacted, preferably by vestry member personal contacts. A protocol for that will be set up within the next few weeks.

**Old Business:**

1. Donna Kendrick reported that we have received proposals from the three roof contractors. Steve Larson will compile the information and present it to the Facilities Committee, after which the Finance Committee will be briefed so we can get a consensus on the next steps.
2. We have two proposals for the portico repair. Before this money is spent, Steve Larson will request that Mary Catherine Cotton evaluate the portico area and give us input on how it fits in with her plan for the Cobb Outdoor Chapel.
3. We will wait until we begin the roof repair to open up the Line of Credit with FNBT.

**Clergy and Staff Updates:**

1. Fr Edward reported that he and his wife Teresa have appreciated the warm reception the past few months. She is presently in California visiting their daughter who is expecting a wee one this summer.
2. Associate Rector: Since health insurance premiums are increasing, Fr Eric has been in negotiations, primarily with the treasurer concerning his salary/benefits. His family has had the same policy for three years, one which is held by about 70% of diocesan employees. Because Open Enrollment for 2016 has been extended and in response to Fr Eric's request that he negotiate with a vestry committee, Senior Warden Bob Hauge called an executive vestry meeting to set that up following adjournment of this meeting.
3. Junior Warden: no report.
4. Senior Warden:
  - (a) Bob Hauge attended the BP Oil Grant meeting for the proposal of construction of a waterside boardwalk from Brooks Bridge to Presidio Condominiums. The city of FWB is in the "gathering information stage", and if approved, the project would probably begin around mid-2017.
  - (b) Vestry meeting times are being discussed for 2016. Please give input to Bob, and stay tuned for vestry retreat information for January.

**Closing Prayer** by Bob Hauge at 7:15 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Ellen Dodson  
Clerk of the Vestry