

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

Vestry Meeting

9 May 2016

Clergy:

The Rev'd David Lockett, Interim Rector

The Rev'd Eric Zubler, Associate Rector

Vestry Members:

Rhoda Adams-Reiss, Gene Correll, JoAnn Gorsuch, Cathy Halprin, Bill Hardy, Bob Hauge, Senior Warden Renee Larson, Lori Lawhorn, Henry Rabby, Barbara Smith, Debbie Vaughan, Junior Warden Paul Wheelless

Clerk: Ellen Dodson

Treasurer: Mike Sheppard

Youth Representative: Morgan Lawhorn

1) Opening Prayer by Paul Wheelless at 5:30 pm.

2) Motions:

- a) Cathy Halprin moved to approve tonight's agenda as presented, and Hank Rabby seconded. The motion carried, all votes in favor.
- b) Bill Hardy moved to approve the April vestry meeting minutes. After a second by JoAnn Gorsuch, the motion carried, all votes in favor.
- c) Bob Hauge moved to approve the Interim Rector Letter of Agreement with Fr David Lockett (on file). After a second by Gene Correll, the motion carried, all votes in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

3) Finance and Budget Report:

- a) The treasurer reported that we've received and deposited about \$65,000 thus far to the roof account.
- b) We've made draws to date of \$187,154.55 on the \$200K Line of Credit for the roof and portico repair. We're holding \$17,000 of that until we are guaranteed that the work is satisfactory.
- c) The last two months have been lean as far as pledge & plate income is concerned. We are about \$10,000 short of projected, which is a 5.5% shortfall. Considering the current transition, we are holding our own.

4) Facilities Report

- a) Design and Decor Subcommittee Process Decision: Paul Wheelless distributed an updated copy of the document, a draft of which was reviewed at the April vestry meeting. Under **Vision**, the following changes were made:
 1. paragraph 2, Process, line 1, "churches" should be changed to "church's".
 2. Under Process 2c, the parenthetical statement was eliminated. A motion was presented by Bob Hauge to approve "A Framework and Process for Church Design and Decor" as amended. Debbie Vaughan seconded the motion which carried, all votes in favor.
- b) Fountain status: the west side fountain was hit by a vehicle on Easter Sunday, and the driver's insurance company will cover up to \$10,000 on damages. The junior warden requested vestry member ideas since repair/replacement could possibly be much more than that. Since it was a memorial gift from the Kidd family, they should be contacted. It was an old and very ornate structure. During discussion, Fr Eric suggested that perhaps we should resurrect it as a birdbath/planter. It was decided that we get some quotes so to pursue a claim with help of the Finance Committee, then take the information to Chancellor Michelle Anchors. Junior Warden Paul Wheelless will follow up.

5) **Capital Campaign:** Chairman Bill Hardy will have a small working group consisting of Liz McCarty and another parishioner to be named. It will be a 2-year process and the appeal needs to begin as soon as possible. Discussion yielded an aim at mid June during which Bill will make a presentation at three services on a chosen Sunday. There are many projects in addition to the roof and portico which need to be included, and Fr David emphasized the necessity of keeping stewardship a part of the discussion.

6) **Vestry Thank-yous:** Vestry members wrote notes to be sent to Michelle Anchors, and to those who took treats to the staff and faculty at Elliott Point Elementary School: Anne Hall, Mary Hauge, Ceil Lacey, and Jennifer Lee.

7) Associate Rector:

- a) The youth retreat this weekend at Cece Allen's lake house was great.
- b) Godly Play workshop will be held this weekend at St. Simon's with attendees coming from far and wide; from different states and varied denominations.
- c) May 22 will be the last Sunday for Christian Formation until August.
- d) The luncheon for our senior parishioners will be held on May 25 when we will honor them for what they have meant to St. Simon's through the years.
- e) Memorial Day flag raising will be held on Sunday May 29 between services.
- f) Sunset Beach Eucharist and picnic is scheduled for June 26.
- g) Fr. Eric will be away June 3-7 at a family wedding.
- h) Christian Education Conference will be held the week of June 13.

8) Interim Rector: Fr. Lockett guided the vestry in setting goals for the next eight weeks. After a brainstorming activity, the following priorities were established with volunteers as follows:

- a) Incorporate the church in welcoming our new rector – Rhoda Adams-Reiss, Gene Correll, Cathy Halprin, Renee Larson, Barbara Smith
- b) Develop a welcome package with security codes – JoAnn Gorsuch, Debbie Walker, staff members
- c) Kick off the Capital Campaign – Bill Hardy, Paul Wheelless
- d) Update name tags – Fr. Eric
- e) Continue welcome tours – Yvonne Hardy, Mary Hauge, Barbara Smith

9) Adjournment and prayer at 7:20 pm by Renee Larson. Next vestry meeting will be held on Monday, June 13 at 5:30 pm. A reminder that Bishop Kendrick will be present upcoming Sunday for confirmations/receptions and will meet with the vestry at 9:00 am.

Respectively submitted,

Ellen Dodson
Clerk of the Vestry