

St. Simon's On The Sound Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting
17 October 2017

Clergy: The Reverend J. David Knight

Vestry Members:

Senior Warden Van Fuller, Junior Warden Paul Wheelless, Gene Correll, Cathy Halprin, Elle Estes, Rob Newton, Barbara Smith, Debbie Vaughan, Anne Hall, Frank Milhous

Clerk: Ellen Dodson

Treasurer: Carter Caywood

Vestry-Elect Members: Gloria Battle, Keith Greene, Samantha West, Jack White

1. **Call to Order** at 5:31 p.m. (Van)
2. **Opening Prayer** by Gene Correll
3. **Roll Call** – Confirmation of Quorum (Van)
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a) Approval of September 2017 Vestry Minutes
 - b) Approval of September Financial Report
 - c) Approval of October 15 Annual Meeting Minutes

A motion was presented by Cathy Halprin to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Rob Newton. The motion carried by acclamation.

5. Committee Break-Out Sessions

6. Committee Reports

a) Administration (Gene)

1. 2016 Audit Update: It is almost completed, but a bit more information is needed.
2. 2017 Discernment Update: There have been eight cottage meetings to date with reports for each being submitted to Michelle Anchors. She will compile reports and present to the vestry in the near future. More meetings are intended to be planned in the next few weeks for parishioners who were not able to attend.

3. 2018 Stewardship Campaign: Coordinator Rob Newton and Father David are discussing possibilities for a guest leader and tentatively planning for Consecration Sunday on February 12.
4. 2018 Budget: The Administration Committee will meet as needed the next four weeks and will present a proposed 2018 budget at the November vestry meeting.

b) Ministry (Cathy):

1. Cathy presented a sample of the St. Simon's water bottles with logo to give visitors along with a visitor card. During upcoming services, Father David will invite all visitors to stop by the visitor's table in the atrium, perhaps tended by the vestry person of the day. The credenza in the atrium seems to be an appropriate and secure place for storage of the water bottles.
2. The visitor's cards are almost completed, along with a flier providing information about ministries and activities.

c) Property/Communications (Paul)

1. The HVAC for the upstairs classrooms has been repaired.
2. Steve Larson is working to provide repairs to the eroded rip rap along the south parking lot shoreline as a short-term solution.
3. Nave repair completion is targeted for November 10.
4. The HVAC units should be secured to the flat roof in conjunction with the planned flat roof replacement (not yet approved by the Vestry).
5. The Communications committee needs to get together with Carter to discuss goals and corresponding tasks before setting up a time line for future communications.
6. The new website will soon be ready for publication, so vestry member photos, staff photos need to be taken in the next few weeks.

7. Old Business: (Father David)

- a) Craft Fair is approaching so please sign up to help.
- b) December 3 is the first Sunday of Advent which is later this year, so to be able to host three Wednesday night dinner/music offerings, the first will be held on November 29. We will not have a teaching segment this year. Dinners will be sponsored by Altar Guild (Nov 29), Choir (Dec 6) and Vestry (Dec 13).
- c) Hurricane Relief Response: This is presently a frustrating experience because needs are not being communicated from impoverished areas. We will continue to reach out, and in the meantime, we have a diocesan youth group scheduled for a trip to west Texas next summer.

- d) Emergency Action Plan Review: The Emergency Action Plan should be out for review and Vestry approval shortly. The diocese through ERD has contracted with the Emergency Alert System to provide communications in the event of emergencies in our area.
- e) Men's group: A men's breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 2 for a time of fellowship and gathering of ideas about how to go forward with some degree of organization. Father David wants to include a spirituality component to each gathering.
- f) There will soon be a prototype for edit checking the new website.
- g) Father David was pleased with the Annual Meeting, although it would have been good to have more parishioners in attendance.

8. New Business: (Father David)

- a) Congratulations to our 2018 vestry members elected in a landslide victory!
- b) One of the five newly elected vestry members needs to serve the remaining one year of the term of Lori Lawhorn. Jack White volunteered.

Elle Estes moved that Jack White complete the remaining one year of Lori Lawhorn's term. Cathy Halprin seconded the motion which carried by acclamation.

- c) Diocesan Convention Delegates: With the revision of our By Laws, a decision needs to be made concerning delegate selection. After discussion, the Vestry agreed we should announce for interested parishioners with anyone who wishes to be a delegate to contact a vestry member before the November vestry meeting. The convention will be held at St. Andrews in Destin, February 22-24, 2018.
- d) Rummage Sale: Scheduling this year is difficult because Diocesan Discipleship Day is April 14 (St. Simon's is hosting), Bishop Kendrick's visit is on April 29, and the community Feed the Need is early in May. Because of these conflicts, Father David met with ECW about a time to reschedule or perhaps plan an alternative event.

9. **Vestry Member Comments:**

- a) Since November vestry meeting is scheduled for Tuesday of Thanksgiving week:

Gene Correll moved that the next vestry meeting be held on Tuesday, November 14. Debbie Vaughan seconded the motion which carried by acclamation.

- b) Rob Newton suggested that St. Simon's youth be supplied with name tags. The Vestry agreed, and Father David communicated this was already in motion.

10. **Closing prayer** by Rob Newton

11. **Adjournment** by the Senior Warden at 6:45 p.m.

- a) Next Vestry meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2017.
b) Van is scheduled to offer the opening prayer.
c) Anne is scheduled to give the closing prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Ellen Dodson
Clerk of the Vestry