

St. Simon's on-the-Sound Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes

28 May 2015

Attendees:

The Rev's Eric Zubler, Associate Rector

Chris Westphal, Sub Clerk of Vestry

Bob Hauge, Senior Warden

Mike Sheppard, Treasurer

JoAnn Gorsuch, Junior Warden

Vestry Members Present: Rhoda Adams-Reiss, Gene Correll, John Gardner, Cathy Halprin, Donna Kendrick, John Sanders, Debbie Vaughan

Vestry Members Absent: Jackie Glover, Joey Havelka, and Renee Larson

Holy Eucharist was held at 5:30 P.M. in the chapel, followed by a call to order in Father Jack's Soup Kitchen ,to include a devotion by Senior Warden, Bob Hauge.

Motions:

- a. A motion to approve tonight's agenda was made by JoAnn Gorsuch. The motion was seconded by Cathy Halprin and the vote unanimous.
- b. A motion to approve the April 2015 minutes as presented was made by Rhoda Adams-Reiss. The motion was seconded by Cathy Halprin and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Important New Business:

- a. A motion to approve Jackie Glover as a licensed Lay Eucharistic Visitor Minister was made by Sr. Warden Bob Hauge. The motion to approve was made by Donna Kendrick. The motion was seconded by Cathy Halprin and the vote to approve was unanimous.
- b. Treasurer's report indicates we are still doing well, ahead in projected collections in the amount of \$18,000.00. Treasurer did advise that we are going into a traditionally slow collection period. This good news was a result of our first four months of expenses equaling less than \$12,000.00 of our incoming gifts. He also advised the Vestry that Nancy Charitat, Finance Manager, has implemented a program titled, Constant Contact, that provides updates to Each Ministry, as to their expenses and balances, as well as updates to Parish Members listing totals of their giving. To date Forty Parish Members have agreed to receive information of their giving in this manner, which saves on postage. He encouraged the Vestry to "talk it up" among our Parish Members. The treasurer also made the motion due to the fact that Josh Woods will be helping this summer for at least 2 Sundays preaching at all three services and should be compensated in the

usual and customary amount totaling \$600.00. The motion was made by Gene Correll and seconded by JoAnn Gorsuch.

- c. The finalized Emergency Action Plan for St. Simon's on the Sound was presented as completed by Donna Kendrick. It was at her suggestion that the plan should be entered on our web site for all parish members to read and follow the worthy storm prep advise we all forget from season to season. She also noted that this plan should be updated annually to change names and phone numbers to keep it current. All agreed it was an excellent report and only suggestion for change was made by Sr. Warden Bob Hauge who suggested leaving off Appendix 6 entirely. Discussion was also considered for the possibility of a "Practice Drill". A copy of this Action Plan was given to each Vestry member present.
- d. Concerning the bright lighting in the Nave, Rhoda Adams-Reiss, reported that several parish members had expressed a worry of the lighting because it appears too severe. Some complaints were that the lights could result in a person with epilepsy or someone who is affected by A.D.D. syndrome, might suffer negative reactions. Debbie Vaughan brought to the table, the fact, that the lights were a positive for some who have had great difficulty seeing in the dim lighting of the past. As a matter of meeting in the middle it was decided using the dimmer- switch of the lighting system would be tried for a time in the future.

Old Business:

- a. Concerning Inreach and Parking Issues assigned to Jackie Glover, due to her absence, the item was tabled until the June meeting.
- b. Debbie Vaughan presented a proposal sheet for future St. Simon's Space Rental Fees. A detailed proposal was presented to each Vestry member, which includes minimum rental fees for different use areas, which will be attached to this report. A separate mention of the negative side of renting space was brought to light by Jr. Warden JoAnne Gorsuch, who heads the weekly Sunday meal offered to the area homeless. It is evident that allowing groups to section off the main dining area of Father Jack's Soup Kitchen, makes a lot of work, weekly, for the Outreach Program Teams to produce an environment inviting for our guests each Sunday. The suggestion of Debbie Vaughan to relocate the meetings of groups that make this constant barrier wall placement necessary was accepted by all and will be discussed at a later date as to where each group will be located so that the barrier walls will not be necessary in the future. Debbie also suggests that it may be the time to secure an outside source to come and check door locks etc. She also notes that this is just a starting point and many adjustments to the renting of space may be needed. Any suggestion should and will be considered for change to this proposed fee charge. John Sanders suggests as we make new contracts, rules and room assignment should be clearly defined. Father Eric suggests that the Parish Hall should be used much more as it is much easier to block off access areas of private church space from the parish hall location. Areas to consider for this reasoning are, counseling area, office space etc. The motion was made to accept Debbie's proposal fees, Donna Kendrick, approved the motion and JoAnn Gorsuch seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Clergy & Staff Updates

- a. Father Eric reports that John Fitzgerald will no longer be attending vestry meetings as it is Jr. Warden Joann Gorsuch's duty to relay his input in the future. Father Eric explains at the same time while passing around a plaque /flag that will be presented to church in a special portion of the 10:30 service this coming Sunday it is given by Andrew Franz and his spouse Katherine. They are leaving the area and wanted to present this gift to the church. Father Eric also notes EFM is finishing up this year and that will be recognized. Dr. Linda Jones will speak at all 3 services. He also reports a dozen parish members attended Linda Suzanne's Ordination. Father Eric also mentioned that the Dale Carnegie Program wishes to present programs using our space for their presentation. Father Eric wished to hear any and all comments on the moving of the Baptismal Font. Vestry members reported that every comment heard was positive. Father Eric declares in a positive moment that his appreciation for all of Sr. Warden's work while our church is in transition. One last note is that the Bishop has requested our church be used for a Standing Committee Meeting be held at St. Simons on June 9th.
- b. Junior Warden JoAnn Gorsuch reports that all should view the Phase One of The Dick Cobb Memorial Area. Netta Holley, as overseer, stayed with workers all day to insure the bricks were placed precisely and honorably.

Closing Prayer

Closing prayer was presented by JoAnn Gorsuch .

Next vestry meeting will be held, Thursday June, 18.

Motion to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Chris Westphal,

Substituting Clerk of Vestry