

St. Simon's On-the-Sound Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
20 August 2015

**ATTENDEES:**

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 Present:** Rhoda Adams-Reiss, Gene Correll, John Gardner, Jackie Glover, Cathy Halprin, Donna Kendrick, Renee Larson, John Sanders, Debbie Vaughan

**Vestry Members Absent:** Joey Havelka

After a celebration of The Holy Eucharist in the chapel, with 10 in attendance, the meeting was called to order in the parish hall by Bob Hauge at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTIONS:**

**a.** The senior warden added to the agenda, "name potential nominees for 2016 vestry". A motion by John Sanders, seconded by Renee Larson, yielded a unanimous vote to approve the amended agenda.

**b.** A motion to approve the July 2015 minutes including the second July meeting was made by Rhoda Adams-Reiss. The motion was seconded by Jackie Glover, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**c.** To approve release of our Community Ministry Portfolio to the Diocese: Motion by Debbie Vaughan, seconded by Renee Larson with a unanimous vote to approve.

**d.** To approve the advertising of the opening for our new rector: Motion by Renee Larson, seconded by JoAnn Gorsuch with a unanimous vote to approve.

**CLERGY UPDATES, Fr. Eric:**

**a.** The funeral for Pat Pryor will be held tomorrow.

**b.** The Rev'd Linda Jones will be preaching all three services this Sunday.

**c.** Two Christian Education informational boards will be posted in the building this coming Sunday.

**d.** Fr. Eric will be away on Sunday August 30, and the Rev'd Millage Baker will be preaching/celebrating.

**e.** Stewardship chairman this fall will be Paul Wheelless. A new approach to stewardship will focus on a spiritual discipline of giving as opposed to fund raising as such. Visiting priest the Rev'd Perry Scruggs, sister of parishioner Ellen Sheppard, will be with us the first part of October to assist the parish and the Stewardship Committee, and will meet with the vestry on Thursday, October 1.

Then on Sunday November 15, Fr, Scruggs will be our guest speaker on New Consecration Sunday, one service that day.

**f.** The annual parish meeting will be held on October 18, one service.

**g.** A request has been received that the evening service remain at 6:00 p.m. all year. Donna Kendrick so moved, with a second by Debbie Vaughan. Following a brief discussion, the vote to approve was unanimous.

**h.** Mary Hauge has plans underway for September 12 Day of Prayer and Service. Information is being published in the E-Pistle and Sunday bulletins on opportunities for parishioner involvement.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**a.** Treasurer:

1. The new rental agreement with Dancing Dolphins will be \$30/wk with set up and shut down to be done by them. Their old fee was \$60/mo.

2. Loans for future roof repair could possibly be necessary, so the treasurer distributed some possible options to consider in this event.

3. As of 31 July, total Plate&Pledge was \$10,487 more than projected. Total Operation Income was \$338,000 which was \$9,000 more than projected while expenses were \$323,000 which is \$26,000 less than projected. So as of 31 July, the deficit of \$35,000 with which we began the year is negated. The amazing fact is that we were within \$100 expenses vs. income.

4. The summer request for air conditioner donations yielded \$1100+.

**b.** Due to misunderstandings between the senior warden and ECW, there was some painting done and furniture moving in the Scheel Parlor which was not initially approved by the Facilities Committee. The protocol on such procedures is for vestry approval based on the Facilities Committee recommendation. There will be a Facilities Committee on upcoming Sunday, 23 August between morning services.

**c.** A committee was formed to develop a proposal for an Associate Rector Bonus. This committee is comprised of Senior Warden Bob Hauge, Treasurer Mike Sheppard, and vestry volunteers Donna Kendrick and Renee Larson.

**d.** A Letter of Agreement between St. Simons and our future interim rector was distributed for vestry perusal. A motion was made by John Gardner and seconded by Renee Larson to approve the document and to authorize the treasurer and senior warden to negotiate/finalize the salary. After discussion, the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**e.** Outgoing vestry members John Gardner, Jackie Glover, Donna Kendrick and John Sanders were requested to supply the names of parishioners who are interested in being placed on the ballot for 2016 vestry membership.

**f.** Search Committee names were supplied by vestry members. Some were parishioners who had expressed an interest in being on the committee and others were those approached by a vestry member. After lengthy discussion and a secret, written vote, the following twelve were chosen: Nancy Charitat, JoAnn Gorsuch, Keith Greene, Brice Horwell, Ron Jacob, Liz LaFollette, Renee Larson, Matt Lowery, Dinah Remington, Mike Sheppard, Sharon Wheelless, and Charlie Yancey. Alternates are Jacob Fuller, Marie Freeman, and Susie Gross. The senior warden

will be in attendance at all Search Committee meetings, available to break any ties throughout the search process.

**g.** Spaghetti/Bingo/Football night sponsored by the vestry will be held Wednesday September 2. A sign up list is going around for spaghetti chefs and set up help is being requested. Everyone is expected to help with clean up.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**a.** Stained Glass Window Proposal ended/closed.

**b.** Bicycle Repair Plan ended/closed.

**c.** SeaTow Striping Project ended/closed.

**d.** The 2015 Ministry Fair will be held Sunday, September 27 in the atrium. Ellen Sheppard is coordinating with assistance from Jackie Glover, John Gardner and the InReach Committee.

**STAFF UPDATES: Junior Warden**

**a.** Outdoor Chapel Committee update: Phase 2 is now underway with a committee named to provide leadership and guidance. Netta Holley chairs the committee which consists of: Ann Clark, Facilities Manager John Fitzgerald, Walter Givhan, Steve Larson, Al Ritchie, Frank Roberts, Fr. Eric Zubler. The committee has met with and selected InnerLight Engineering as the civil engineering firm to perform analysis and survey work needed to begin developing plans. Phase 2 is expected to last 4-6 months, during which city planners and other regulatory groups will be involved to ensure that plans conform to all appropriate codes and regulations.

**b.** Today the 20-ton and 7.5-ton air conditioners were due to be delivered and should be installed next week.

**c.** Donna Kendrick suggested that vestry members and staff familiarize themselves with our Emergency Action Plan/Hurricane Preparedness.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Ministry Fair report
2. Stewardship update
3. 2016 vestry nominations
4. Annual parish meeting update
5. Search Committee update

Next vestry meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17.  
Adjournment at 8:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Ellen Dodson,  
Clerk of the Vestry