

All Saints Episcopal Church – Hilton Head SC
October 24, 2023
Zoom Vestry Meeting Minutes

Present on Zoom: Rev. Denise Trogden, Rev. Katie Presley, Mike Binford, Joyce Emmett, Anita Hill, Jack Case, Becky Forbes, Charlie Forbes, Howard Coonley, Zeke Hanzl, Pam Neyhouse, Bob Colegrove, Nancy Tillinghast, Marilyn Roper

Absent: Rev. Pam Fahrner, Jerry Simmons

1. Mike Binford called October's ZOOM Vestry meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. The opening prayer was led by the Rev. Denise Trogdon.
3. Mike then requested approval for the September 26, 2023 Vestry meeting minutes, distributed earlier electronically. Nancy corrected the meeting times of the Episco-pals to read as every month, rather than every other.
Corrected minutes were then approved unanimously by board members.
4. Book discussion followed covering Chapters 6-11 of Brian McClaren's **We Make the Road by Walking**. Individual vestry members offered personal commentary on sections that were particularly meaningful to them.
5. Updates and Discussion followed:

Stewardship

Bob Colgrove commended the content of the Stewardship packages recently released to congregants. Complimenting the contributing creators of the envelope, he said he hoped it would be well received by parishioners.

Charlie said that he felt it would be an even more powerful statement to the membership if Vestry members publicly committed to a 10% increase of each of their 2024 personal pledges.

However, to allow this announcement to the congregation to proceed a formal vote was needed, and so:

It was moved and seconded that each vestry member would increase their personal pledge by 10%. The vote was then passed unanimously by Vestry members.

Columbarium Update

Jack Case reviewed highlights of his report that was sent to the vestry; he then offered even more recent information:

- The cost of the estimated as-built survey for just the Columbarium section of the church property, submitted by David Arnal, was a much lower \$1,500 instead of the originally estimated \$10,000.
- The drawings for review by Brad Hix are anticipated for late November.
- Mike Binford noted that relaying uneven pavers will likely be done last because of likely disruptions during construction.

Adult Formation

Katie Presley reviewed some highlights of her report:

- New Testament themes based on Kerygma Bible Study have begun Sunday mornings.
- Sacred Ground sessions have also started up, with mid-week ZOOM discussions.

Denise noted that:

- There will be a church wide offering of selected books to be read and studied during Advent.
- Discussion groups could flow from this, and it is hoped that there will be wider participation by the congregation.
- When Zeke inquired whether there were any plans for an EFM program, Denise replied that this program had had many active years within the parish before waning. It could be rejuvenated only IF there is interest and energy for sponsorship.

DOK fundraiser- Hopeful Horizons

After dialogue with Jen Gadjdalo about their service project for Hopeful Horizons, Denise said that it was decided:

- Lent would be the time when they could make their appeal to the parish.
- They would provide a list of needed items, and parishioners could provide the women's shelter with these objects.

Since fund raisers require Vestry approval:

Zeke moved to approve the DOK Lenten Fundraiser for Hopeful Horizons; Nancy seconded the motion, and the Vestry unanimously approved the motion.

Men's and Women's Retreats

Denise reported that 29 have signed up for this retreat at Cam[St. Christopher to take part in music, worship and fellowship. Members will have the opportunity to share their faith stories and connect them to the church's mission and purpose.

Howard noted that there were 11-12 signed up for the men's weekend. Its goal is for attendees to get to know each other better; their bios and faith journeys will be discussed.

The Men's Forum discussion will be open ended in its format with Mike, Kerry, and Howard serving as leaders.

Should ASEC's Thanksgiving Dinner Return?

Bob Colegrove asked the Vestry if they were OK with the return of a shared Thanksgiving dinner held at the church, as has been done in the past.

- Denise said that before this could take place, individuals had to be found who were willing to organize the logistics. This needed to be done to assure that this responsibility doesn't fall on the clergy, who did it in the past.
- Bob said he will see if there is enough interest in sharing the work. He is also willing to serve as a point person, if enough others are willing to "pull their oars."
- Zeke told him that he would be willing to help.

6. Reports:

Though all were read, verbal commentary during the meeting occurred for some topics within the liaison reports:

Rector's Report

Denise Trogdon

Senior Associate Rector's Report

Pam Fahrner

Associate Rector's Report

Katie Presley

Senior Warden Report

Mike Binford

Junior Warden's Report

Joyce Emmett

Finance/Foundation

B. Colgrove/B. Forbes/J. Case

Becky said that:

- We are holding our own in terms of income and we hope we can stay on budget until the very end of the year.
- The Finance Committee is now actively working on the church's 2024 budget, with much of its fulfillment dependent on stewardship pledge increase and submission.

Building & Grounds

Pam Neyhouse /Anita Hill

Pam commented that :

- The back door kitchen handle is to be replaced, and Brian is researching the cost of a keypad lock for it.
- She noted that weed removal and trimming of bushes below the Main Street sign (requested by Anita) had been done by Brian this week.
- Michael noted that these items were discussed at the re-formed B&G Committee meeting that was held earlier in the month.
- Joyce indicated that staff and B&G liaison are to write their work requests in a notebook to be kept in the credenza located in the reception area. Another will be kept in the CDC area for their use.

Worship/Music

Howard Coonley/Jerry Simmons

Adult Education
Communications
Welcoming/Newcomers
Social Justice
Outreach
Children & Family

Nancy Tillinghast/Mike Binford
Charlie Forbes
Marilyn Roper
Zeke Hanzl
Joyce Emmett
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7. Calendar Items:

- November 2-4 Diocesan Convention
- December 12 Vestry Dinner Meeting at 6 pm
- February 2-3 Vestry Retreat
- February 11 Bishop to visit All Saints.

8. The next Vestry meeting will be held on November 28 @ 7:00pm. Members were reminded that the Book Study for the November meeting will continue to cover Brian McClaren's ***We Make the Road by Walking***. Members are to read Chapters 12-17, then respond to: What one thought or idea from these chapters especially intrigued, warmed, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warned, helped or surprised you?
9. A closing prayer was offered by Katie. .
10. Adjournment occurred at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita L. Hill
Clerk of the Vestry