

All Saints Episcopal Church – Hilton Head SC
April 25, 2023 Vestry Meeting Minutes

Present: Rev. Denise Trogdon, Mike Binford, Joyce Emmett, Anita Hill, Jack Case, Becky Forbes, Charlie Forbes, Nancy Tillinghast, Barbara Lytle, Bob Colegrove, Howard Coonley, Truitt Rabun, Bob Reuter

On Zoom: Jerry Simmons

Absent: Rev. Pam Fahrner, Zeke Hanzl, Pam Neyhouse, Marilyn Roper

1. Mike Binford called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
2. An opening prayer was led by the Reverend Denise Trogdon.
3. Mike then called for approval of the March 28, 2023 Vestry meeting minutes, electronically distributed earlier. These were moved approved by Bob, seconded by Howard, and passed by the board members.
4. Discussion Topics:

Columbarium

Vestry members walked into the Columbarium area and listened to Truitt Rabun give a history of its construction, original architects and the provider companies with whom they have dealt. Additionally, he showed the group where two new potential units of 40 niches (each) would likely be situated. Because there are so few available units and even plaque name space is down to only 4, it was suggested that future long term plans beyond these 80 be considered. He also described present maintenance problems with drainage, uneven walkway pavers, and potential trees that need removal because of walkway disruption.

Returning inside, Vestry members were given several handouts. One, outlined the mission of expansion, background, current conditions, remedies and next steps. Another showed cost estimates from 1991, and another was a 1992 site plan by Barbara Hodges that Truitt enhanced with detail. He then offered a PowerPoint with photos, drawings and commentary, including serious present needs:

- Poor condition of temporary niche covers
- Unreliable support and communication from DePue Monument in Savannah for all our needs. Some family members have waited over a year for an etched cover.
- Uneven walkway pavers
- Drainage problems never considered in original construction
- Adjacent trees, with invasive roots, and close proximity to new structure's placement; these need an arborist's evaluation and removal.

Denise then inquired who, besides Truitt and Bob, were working on these issues; she was told they alone were. She indicated that a slightly larger committee needed formation, asking for Vestry volunteers. Nancy Tillinghast indicated she had some experience from

a church up North with a similar situation. After being asked, Anita also agreed to serve, and later Mike Binford said he would assist as well.

All Saints Foundation

Howard distributed and discussed highlights of a detailed prospectus of the All Saints Foundation, outlining its purpose, its structure with permanent and non-permanent funds, types of monetary gifts, investment objectives, and how distributions are handled each year. In addition, handouts were provided with information on Ways to Give to the Episcopal Church and the Pelican Society.

Vestry discussion then followed with:

- Denise commented that many parishioners do not know that the Pelican Society even exists. They also confuse the different purposes of the two groups, one involving legacy funding and the other providing funds for unexpected long term church expenses. Both are vital resources for our church.
- Bob C questioned whether the Finance Committee and Foundation should be considered separate entities. However, Becky asserted that the Foundation was not a separate organization, and Finance should be reconciling their reports with the Foundation. However, a formal process for doing this is not yet in place; it will be developed in the near future.
- Jack suggested that we should all be grateful for the Foundation. Its use as a resource was especially apparent over the last four years when it contributed almost \$80,000 in funds, with about \$70,000 going toward building and roof repair/replacement.
- Though the Pelican 50-60 membership has always been anonymous, Charlie suggested that publishing the names, except for those who expressly wish anonymity, might encourage a larger membership and consequent increase in donations. Howard indicated he would discuss this possibility with Leslie Gilbert, Foundation Board Chair, at their next meeting.

Child Development Center

Joyce indicated that Director Jenn Adams (who was unable to be present because of a family issue) met with a licensing specialist recently, so the All Saints provisional license (good for 6 mos.) is anticipated in about 10 days. This will be followed by more paperwork and a walk through to establish a permanent license. In the meantime, after the provisional license is obtained, the school can advertise for staff that will teach 3 & 4 year olds as well as a floater. Next, it will promote openings for students for fall enrollment. Joyce said that Jenn is on top of this process, having worked for the state and other nursery schools, with plans for recruiting teachers and volunteers. The state will even send eligible families' children to us once All Saints receives licensing.

5. Reports:

Though all were read, meeting verbal commentary followed with some liaison reports:
Rector's Report Denise Trogdon

Junior Warden's Report Joyce Emmett

Joyce reported that both the Garden Tour and Circle volunteers were very active this month.

- The Garden Tour sub groups are meeting frequently preparing for the May 20 tour, but they are still in need of parkers and greeters.
- Circle of Love volunteers prepared a full dinner for March 29; the next dinner prep is scheduled for Jun 29.
- Joyce then inquired on behalf of Lisa Ghessie whether the kitchen's broken oven racks could be replaced. The stove will be in full gear in the near future with regular Circles program meals and CDC children's meals after the fall opening. Two racks, costing \$600 each, are needed. Denise then pointed out that these can be purchased using Foundation money that was donated and earmarked for the Circles program.

*Finance/Foundation/Stewardship
Grounds*

Bob Colegrove/Becky Forbes
Anita Hill

Worship/Music

Howard Coonley/Jerry Simmons

Howard then offered updates on several areas:

- Mike spoke on behalf of his wife Nancy who reported that the request for a new altar veil and burse replacement was highly successful, with 20 parishioners offering to donate for the purchase.
- Denise indicated that all of the vestments and sacristy contents should really be reviewed and inventoried for their appropriateness and general condition.
- Howard reminded all present that Kerry Smith said there is still a need for Sunday acolytes and readers.
- Denise then shared that she felt encouraged by the hefty number of attendees (around 400) at the two Sunday Easter services.

Adult Education

Nancy Tillinghast/Mike Binford

Fellowship/Parish Life

Barbara Lytle

- Barb reminded everyone that there is still a need for coffee hour sponsors.

6. The next Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23 @ 7:00pm at the church.
7. Members were reminded that the Book Study for the May meeting will cover Brian McClaren's We Make the Road by Walking, using the same discussion prompt from this meeting's agenda for May 23. Members are to read: Part IV, Chapters 34-39.
8. A closing prayer was then offered by Denise.
9. Adjournment occurred at 8:37pm

Respectfully submitted,
Anita L. Hill
Clerk of the Vestry