

All Saints Episcopal Church - Hilton Head, SC

December 12, 2023

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Present: Rev. Denise Trogden, Rev. Katie Presley, Rev. Pam Fahrner, Mike Binford, Joyce Emmett, Anita Hill, Howard Coonley, Pam Neyhouse, Bob Colegrove, Nancy Tillinghast, Marilyn Roper, Jerry Simmons

Absent: Becky Forbes, Charlie Forbes, Zeke Hanzl

1. Mike Binford called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm.
2. Denise led the group in an opening prayer that also was a grace before a meal of soup, salad and dessert that followed the meeting.
3. New & Leaving Vestry Members

These will be voted in for 2024 service after the candidates are approved at the January 28 Annual meeting. Introductions of these candidates were then offered:

- John Gilbert
- Judy Cote
- Bobbie Helbig
- Dana Duncan, who was present this evening, indicated he is looking forward to his Vestry service.

Having served their terms, the following members are now moving off the board:

- Mike Binford
- Jerry Simmons
- Zeke Hanzl
- Barbara Lytle

4. Mike Binford then motioned for vestry approval of the November minutes. Offering no corrections board members were in agreement.

5. Action

Joyce then indicated that Vestry board approval was needed for this year's grant recipients whose applications were studied and recommended by the Garden Tour Board for 2024. It was noted that each has to meet strict criteria in order to be a recipient. Additionally, they must address at least one of the following areas of need: hunger, literacy, children, elderly.

Bob Colegrove moved and it was unanimously passed by the board that the following seven organizations would be grant recipients for the 2024 Garden Tour:

- ***Antioch Education Center (for mobile food pantry for seniors)***
- ***Backpack Buddies of greater Bluffton and Hardeeville***
- ***HHI Safe Harbor***
- ***Sandalwood Community Food Pantry***
- ***Hunger Coalition of the Lowcountry***
- ***Family Promise***
- ***St. Stephens UMC Outreach Food Bank***

6. Calendar Reminders

Denise then reminded those present that:

- There will be no January Vestry meeting, only the Annual meeting on January 28.
- Annual Summary Liaison reports are to be turned in to Jessie for posting on the internet website no later than Jan.12th. The sooner the better if it can be done before that date.
- The Annual Vestry Retreat is scheduled shortly after the meeting for the weekend of February 2 & 3.
- On February 11, the Bishop will visit All Saints, including the Vestry after the service.

7. Thanks

- Jerry, on behalf of his wife Ellen and those working at HHI Middle & High School, and Howard Coonley all expressed their gratitude for this year's generous Angel Tree donations. There were an especially large number of very useful backpacks.
- General discussion then followed, with Denise pointing out how Sacred Ground was the initial impetus for this and other outreach projects over the last three years. Today, parishioner Faith Hahn coordinates with the schools' social workers, acting as conduits with All Saints. Sharing a startling statistic, Denise said: "You know there is need out there when 67% of the Middle and High School population is on the free or reduced lunch program."

8. The meeting portion of the Vestry gathering then was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita L. Hill

Clerk of the Vestry