

**All Saints Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Minutes for February 27, 2024**  
**ZOOM Meeting, 7 pm**

*Present:* Rev. Denise Trogdon, Rev. Pam Fahrner, Rev. Katie Presley, Becky Forbes, Jack Case, Charles Forbes, Joyce Emmett Robert Colegrove, Anita Hill, Pamela Neyhouse, Nancy Tillinghast, Dana Duncan, John Gilbert, Bobbie Helbig  
*Absent:* Marilyn Roper, Howard Coonley, Judy Cote

Charlie Forbes called the meeting to order at 7 pm, and Denise Trogdon opened it with a prayer.

Next, approval of recent Retreat Minutes was considered:

***Bob Colgrove motioned to approve the 2024 Vestry Retreat minutes. John Gilbert seconded the motion, and Vestry members voted for their unanimous approval.***

A lively book discussion of **Searching for Sunday's** chapters 1–6 then ensued, led by Katie Presley.

DISCUSSIONS:

*Goals and Priorities*

Charlie then turned the group toward discussion of a couple of Goals earlier established for this year; he started with improved communication:

- Nancy Tillinghast noted that there were numerous priorities under Improved Communication, and she questioned whether Jessie needed some help. She said she had recently observed a lack of currency in the postings within the church website, several of which had significance to many people.
- She also felt that church worship services should be repositioned within the website's pages so that they were more "front and center" in terms of visibility and accessibility.
- Anita Hill noted that several parishioners told her they are intimidated by the website and cannot even seem to access the church directory. John commented that weaker computer skills were widespread in our aging community.

*Ideas and Possible Solutions:*

- Charlie suggested that Ap-training might be offered for Church Directory phone access some time in the church library.
- When a suggestion was made to use the Connection Station as a source of instruction, Bob reminded members that 15-16 members volunteer for the Station. He felt it would be more appropriate to provide the format of a "how to" written instructional sheet.
- Nancy suggested completing and then offering U-tube training.
- Jack Case said that because Jessie was already working hard, he thought she needed some help. Denise noted that there was likely a financial component to getting her more help.

- Denise continued and said since we have been working on the directory for over a year now, a completion date timeline is needed to get the job done; someone needs to take charge of this.
- Pam Fahrner reminded everyone that moving forward really can't occur until old and new directory systems are merged.

Changing priorities, John noted that getting the 13<sup>th</sup> student enrolled in the Child Development Center opens a lot of doors, especially because the center can now offer free 3 year old tuition to those who qualify.

Dana then said we should also acknowledge and celebrate all the new membership and growth that the church has recently experienced.

- He suggested that new members pictures be posted on a board in Gordon Mann Hall.
- Denise suggested that photo taking of new individuals could occur during the Welcoming Luncheons; then afterwards, the pictures could be posted.

### *Safe Church Training*

Denise informed those present that the Diocese requires that all vestry members should be updated on policies and be certified every three years.

- Essentially vestry members finish the readings, take quizzes, and submit results online.
- Blair has all online links and these will be sent out to the entire vestry since most members have not completed this requirement.
- Denise requested completion of this task by Easter.

### THREE ACTION ITEMS:

1. Because the Vestry determines the direction of the Annual Distribution of Foundation Funds, this year's being \$24,000, very lengthy discussion followed among several vestry members about the payout. Though most of the distribution is placed traditionally in the building reserve fund, the impending deficit of the new CDC looms as a serious concern. Because of the certainty of this need and the uncertainty of the building's future repairs, the lengthy discussion finally concluded with a motion. ***Nancy moved that the entirety of this year's distribution fund money be moved and applied toward CDC needs. This motion was seconded by Bob, and a vote of approval followed by the Vestry.***
2. Approval of a renewed line of credit to South State Bank was considered next: ***The All Saints Episcopal Church of Hilton Head authorizes the renewal of its \$200,000 Line of Credit with South State Bank under similar terms and conditions previously agreed. The Church authorizes its current Treasurer Becky Forbes or Assistant Treasurer Jack Case to sign for and make transactions on this line of credit account as necessary to meet the emergency cash needs of the Church. Drawdowns from the line***



