

All Saints Episcopal Church – Hilton Head SC
August 22, 2023 Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Rev. Denise Trogden, Rev. Pam Fahrner, Bob Colegrove

1. Mike Binford called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. An opening prayer was led by the Reverend Katie Presley.
3. Mike then requested approval for the June 27, 2023 Vestry meeting minutes, distributed earlier electronically. These were then unanimously passed by board members.
4. Book discussion followed covering Chapters 47-52 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. General Discussion Topics followed:

Columbarium

Having already submitted a detailed report to the Vestry, Jack Case summarized that much progress has been made on the present Columbarium niche doors. David Arnal provided them with needed information and a source for the front covers;; Brian Hayes provided installation of new rosette hinges on all niches, new and older. At this point, the present, almost full Columbarium is in much better shape. The committee will continue to work on its completion and the purchase of a new brass, wall, name-plaque. Then, research will be done on the selection, placement, and completion of a new unit of niches. .

Mike noted that All Saints is very much “under-market” in what it charges for individual Columbarium spaces. Comment was also made that the outer wall’s fig vine is now crawling inside some of the niches. The vine needs to be fully removed with eradication of all of the soil roots; Anita and Nancy agreed to assist WHEN the hot weather lets up a little. Zeke expressed disapproval of their using Round-Up (Glyphosate) to kill the roots. Having been initially recommended only for tougher cases like this (by Beaufort’s County Extension Horticultural Agent), it was suggested that Zeke was welcome to research a safer, but equally effective, root-killing chemical, whose half-life within the soil is as brief as this one, since surrounding plants, trees, and wetlands need to be considered.

Music Ministry

Mike then explained that a relocation of music ministry resources, which still maintained a budget neutral balance, has allowed for the hiring of organist Mollie Nichols; prior to

Hilton Head, she professionally played in New York. She will be at ASEC for Sundays, special events, and rehearsals. This will relieve Suade of double tasking, that is, simultaneously directing the choir while also playing the organ or piano. Her services will begin on September 1.

Budget Preparation

Vestry members were reminded to meet with individuals in their liaison area to map out a budget for next year of unexpected and expected expenses. These budget area estimates need to be submitted by the time of the September vestry meeting. Becky indicated that she would send each Vestry member the details and line items now used for each of their areas.

New Vestry Slate Needed

Mike, Jerry, Barbara, and Zeke, having served their terms, will be off of the Vestry at year's end. Four other parish members are needed as replacements. Present members are urged to think of and submit possible candidate names to Mike, Joyce, or Denise.

Scout Troop Storage

Jerry Simmons then indicated that the scout troop, which now has at least 20 members, is in serious need of storage for all their equipment. The present storage shed on the church property has been broken into twice and all kinds of gear was stolen. At present, home garages are overflowing with newly purchased equipment. He requested permission to remove the present shed; its replacement could be put there, if it fits, or moved elsewhere on church property. They are seriously considering the purchase of a repurposed shipping container that has a heavy duty locking system. The troop would be responsible for the removal of the old shed and placement of the new one.

Since it will be larger than the last storage shed, it was suggested that Jerry talk to Brian about the placement location of the new unit on church property. Additionally, Brian might know whether the town has any restrictions or rules about storage units...or with whom to talk to find out. Jerry said he wanted to know how the vestry felt so that he could set up some fund raising plans. For example, a pre-sale of Christmas wreaths to parishioners that could begin in October, with delivery slated for December 2nd.

6. Reports:

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

Rector's Report

Denise Trogdon

Associate Rector's Report

After Katie Presley gave an overview of her activities, Zeke asked her about the status of Sacred Ground. She indicated that she was collaborating with Tom Longin and Laurie Rotella, and that one new group will be set up to begin in the fall.

Senior Warden Report

Mike Binford

Junior Warden's Report

Joyce Emmett

Finance/Foundation/Stewardship

Becky Forbes

Becky indicated that she was cautiously optimistic about the overall budget; she anticipated that August is likely to be similar to July, and September is likely to tick up a bit as members start to return. She then answered an inquiry by Nancy about what comprised "Other" income. After an explanation, she noted that the number of funerals in one year, compared to the next, usually has an effect on the differences in these totals.

Building & Grounds

Pam Neyhouse/Anita Hill

Zeke inquired about the location of the water shut-off valve in order to prevent future leakage spreading. This occurred one Thursday in the recent past. He suggested that Brian needs to train some parish members about cut off locations.

Worship/Music

Howard Coonley/Jerry Simmons

Adult Education

Nancy Tillinghast/Mike Binford

Nancy inquired to whom Sacred Ground requests should be submitted. She was told that they should be turned in to either Laurie Rotella, Katie Presley or Tom.

Communications

Charlie Forbes

Mike commented that, though the temporary signs are eye catching, we still need to purchase permanent ones for directions and the Pre-school. Jessie is now working on prototypes of these for consistency of visual style appearance. Zeke then inquired where there might be small Episcopalian signs parishioners might use. Charlie guessed that some were likely in the storage room.

Welcoming/Newcomers

Marilyn Roper

Marilyn indicated that the Newcomers group is meeting tomorrow.

Social Justice

Zeke Hanzl

Outreach

Joyce Emmett

Children & Family

Joyce Emmett

Joyce told vestry members that the Child Development Center now has 2 children enrolled and started. Since advertising continues, more are anticipated to enroll in the near future.

The present teacher holds certification in elementary school teaching and was once an ASEC preschooler herself!

7. Calendar Items:

The weekend of October 7&8 has been designated as a "Homecoming Celebrations" weekend for the parish. The return of many summer parishioners and the reinvigoration of ministries will be celebrated.

February 11 is to be the day that the Bishop will visit All Saints.

Zeke then put in a plug for a 5K Walk/Run taking place at Providence Presbyterian Church on Sept 9 at 8:00am; it supports the national effort regarding Alzheimer's.

Jack then asked about plans for and the calendar timing of this year's stewardship drive. Katie told him that this was scheduled on the calendar for late October/early November.

8. The next Vestry meeting will be held on September 26 @ 7:00pm.

Members were reminded that the Book Study for the September meeting will continue to cover Brian McClaren's ***We Make the Road by Walking***. Following readings in the church calendar, members are to read: Chapters 1-5, 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 Marilyn.

10. Adjournment occurred at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita L. Hill
Clerk of the Vestry