

**All Saints Episcopal Church – Hilton Head SC**  
**June 27, 2023 Vestry Meeting Minutes**

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

*Absent:* Jerry Simmons, Barb Lytle

1. Mike Binford called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. An opening prayer was led by the Reverend Pam Fahrner
3. Mike then called for approval of the May 23, 2023 Vestry meeting minutes, electronically distributed earlier. These were moved approved by Howard and unanimously passed by the board members.
4. Book discussion followed covering Chapters 40-46 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:

Signage

Action needs to be taken soon on the needed signage in several locations for the church.

These include:

- Office directions and traffic flow
- The Child Development Center
- A new All Saints sign with worship times for meeting street.

Mike felt that to move these objectives along, a small committee was needed. Denise suggested that Meghan Theobold and Jessie should be on it. Mike agreed to also serve as well as Joyce Emmett.

Denise then said that we will also need a temporary summertime banner for the street sign, indicating the changed time for Saturday @5 to Sunday@5. Joyce said she would talk to Jessie tomorrow.

Dominican Republic

A request has been made for permission to raise money for medicine for this mission. Judy Cote requested approval for raising it for the upcoming Fall mission. She will inform the public at the Sunday and Saturday services. Denise then suggested, and the Vestry agreed, that one week of plate offerings could be used toward this effort. Joyce suggested that the Eblast could be another vehicle of communication; she will talk to both Judy and Jessie tomorrow.

### September Budget Planning Meeting

Mike said that COVID conditions forced the church into a status quo approach to the annual budget and he would like to see us take a more forward looking approach by means of using preplanning. In September preliminary ideas will be gathered from Vestry liaisons. They will:

- Meet with those in charge of their area to determine anticipated or hoped-for expenses for 2024.
- Ascertain and consider these expenses mutually in terms of needs, goals, future plans, changes, etc.

Mike said this will better foster reflection and intentionality rather than just moving forward with next year's numbers. This will be helpful to have approximate numbers to start with, rather than be surprised later. Becky volunteered to be in charge of this process.

## **6. Action Items:**

### Katie Presley Housing Allowance

**Mike moved in favor of the Clergy Housing Allowance Resolution for Katie Presley, and it was unanimously approved by the Vestry on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023 as follows:**

WHEREAS, section 107 of the Internal Revenue code specifies that the amount of a minister's compensation that is designated in advance by an employing church as a housing allowance is not taxable in computing federal income taxes to the extent that it is used to pay for actual expenses incurred in owning or renting a home or apartment and, in the case of a minister who owns a home, does not exceed the fair rental value of the home (furnished, plus utilities), and

### Funding for Parking Lot Repairs

Tree root intrusion, erosion, and automobile wear and tear require that the pavement part of the church parking lot be repaired. Discussion followed about the costs and the vendor

who will do the work. The work will include: root cutting, asphalt repair and crack filling, seal coating and line striping. It will take 2-3 days to complete and 4 days to cure; this work will be done in the less busy summer months. Funds will be taken from the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund. The Finance committee has already approved this project.

**Mike then moved to approve the proposal of \$13,400 for the repair of the asphalt area of the church parking lot. The Vestry then unanimously approved this proposal.**

## 7. Reports:

Though all were read, meeting verbal commentary followed with some 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

Just to inform the Vestry, Mike mentioned being approached by a parishioner who said they were willing to donate a substantial amount of money toward the new Columbarium project once costs are determined.

*Junior Warden's Report*

Joyce Emmett

Joyce told the Vestry that next year's Garden Tour group will have an early October fair to recruit tour workers and sub committee members. She expressed a little concern that an overall leader has not yet been determined since this needs to be done by September.

*Finance/Foundation/Stewardship*

Bob Colegrove/Becky Forbes

Becky anticipates reports from the church's auditor soon. When Nancy inquired about where we stand with the present budget, Becky replied that we are "on track and hanging in there" as far as the budget is concerned.

*Building & Grounds*

Pam Neyhouse/Anita Hill

*Worship/Music*

Howard Coonley/Jerry Simmons

*Adult Education*

Nancy Tillinghast/Mike Binford

*Communications*

Charlie Forbes

When Bob inquired about the status of the Vestry Bulletin board for Gordon Mann Hall, e Charlie replied that it is being expanded to include not only Vestry members but also clergy and others in significant positions of lay leadership. The design of the board has also changed to allow for future flexibility and change.

*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 CDC committee was meeting tomorrow with someone from the SC Dept. of Education about licensing for All Saints PreK program. It is hoped that approval will follow so that teacher hiring can be followed by student enrollment.

8. There will be no Vestry meeting in July. The next Vestry meeting will be held on August 22 @ 7:00pm.
9. Members were reminded that the Book Study for the August meeting will cover Brian McClaren's We Make the Road by Walking. Members are to read: Chapters 47-52 then respond to: What one thought or idea from these chapters especially intrigued, warmed, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warned, helped or surprised you?
10. A closing prayer was then offered by Katie.
11. Adjournment occurred at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita L. Hill  
Clerk of the Vestry