

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

VESTRY/AGENDA MEETING

January 17, 2017

The Vestry met at 6:00 p.m. in Richardson Hall, and the meeting was called to order by Senior Warden Karen Eckford.

Opening Prayer: *Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for the parish that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Approval of Minutes/December 20, 2017: Motion was made by Jim Parrish and seconded by Bill Herbert that minutes be approved amended as follows: Johnny Burns will check with the city on the installation of a light for the church parking lot. Motion carried.

Senior Warden Reports:

- Search: Marti Wallace reported that the team is busy with one or two weekly meetings. Interviews and visits will have to be scheduled. Jim Parrish asked if we could let the congregation know the status of the search. Kathy Sharp suggested weekly announcements in church. It was further suggested that information be placed in bulletin weekly. Marti Wallace will take care of this.
- Nominating/Vestry: Dwight deLoach will chair this function. There are five open positions, and it will be necessary for a vote on Kathy Sharp and Pam Jackson. Karen Eckford read from the by-laws covering the subject.
- Annual Meeting/January 29: Karen Eckford asked that each member ensure that his/her reports are in.
- Vestry Retreat/February 11/Burns Pond House: Karen Eckford said she is planning for Chick Fil A to furnish breakfast and lunch. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. Delegates to the upcoming convention will have to be elected. Members have been given a copy of proposed agenda for the meeting.
- Youth Coordinator: In previous meetings, there was discussion on a church youth being a part of the vestry. Karen Eckford said she has asked Nancy Wiley to think of someone who could possibly fill this position.

Junior Warden Report

- Johnny Burns stated as requested he is compiling a list of things requiring attention. He listed the following: (1) heat detectors in basement (\$1200) and attic (\$4200), (2) removal of trees and grinding of stumps (\$4500 to \$4800), (3) LED lights (\$3000 to \$5000), (4) emergency lights in church, (5) requesting city to locate underground water lines (\$6000), and cleaning of the fountain in the Memorial Garden. Note: Frank Trapp will help with the cleaning of fountain.

Treasurer Report: Bill Herbert stated he will do a budget presentation at the February retreat .

- Safe: Karen Eckford stated there had been questions reference the safe being locked. The safe cannot be left open with money in the safe. If the VPOD finds the safe locked, use locked cabinet in the Alter Guild room.
- Hunger Warrior: Bill Herbert presented information on the United Way of Kershaw County's food pantry and Mobile Nutrition Center Project. A major problem in Kershaw County is low access with 1/3 of all residents living beyond one mile of food access and 3000 low income residents do not have a vehicle, and 30% have one vehicle per household. Emphasis is on healthy food (fruits, vegetables, etc.) to promote good health.

Note: There were questions concerning this program as follows: Pam Jackson asked how people will know about the program? Kathy Sharp asked who manages the program? Frank Trapp asked how the program fits in with Meals on Wheels? Harriet DuBose asked if this is a duplication of services? Karen Eckford gave an overview of the program and stated it will be a collaborative effort. She said that the recommendation from the Finance Committee was that a one-time \$5,000 donation be made. Bill Herbert presented as a recommendation from the Finance Committee for a onetime \$5,000 donation. This amount is to be taken from the restricted fund account. The Vestry voted to approve the recommendation unanimously.

Stewardship Committee Report: Karen Eckford reported the following committed amounts: 2016-\$211,702 and to date \$231,984.

Executive Committee: No information was submitted.

Old Business:

- Dog Show: Johnny Burns reported he is working on this year's dog show and will set a date. This item should be discussed at the Vestry Retreat.
- Computer Upgrade: Pam Jackson asked for a report to which Bill Herbert replied that there was still an on-going effort to clean up the member list. Much needed information was lost on the death of Dennis Magee. At this time, 137 names are to come off the list. Two systems have been updated, and we now have one system.

New Business:

- Pastoral Care: Jim Parrish stated that in this area we should be extremely appreciative of The Reverend Charles Davis. He has been and is extremely faithful in visiting the sick, homebound, serving as supply priest, and attending to pastoral care needs. He also mentioned Pam Roy who was a member of our church, and her recovery process.
- Nursery: Pam Jackson updated the Vestry on Nursery staffing. She stated that we have two dedicated attendants and that we are seeking a third person to complete the staffing. She requested that anyone who might know an interested person, to please contact her. In the meantime, she will continue to assist with staffing until a satisfactory person is hired. She also inquired as to the possibility of youth participation in the nursery.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer being said in unison.

Present: Johnny Burns, Harriett DuBose, Karen Eckford, Bill Herbert, Pam Jackson, Jim Parrish, Kathy Sharp, Marti Wallace, and Frank Trapp

Absent: Dwight deLoach and Julie Magee

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Baird, Clerk of the Vestry

FUTURE MEETINGS:	Executive Committee	February 7, 2107—Rector's Office (5:30 p.m)
	Retreat	February 11, 2107 (8:30 a.m. @Burns' Pond House)
	Vestry	February 21, 2017 Richardson Hall (6:00 p.m.)