

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY RETREAT/AGENDA/MINUTES

February 21, 2016

The Vestry met in Richardson Hall following the 10:30 a.m. service. After viewing a video by The Very Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop, members had lunch, and then transferred the meeting to the Bishop Davis room.

Discussion/Agreement on Overall Grace Church Camden Purposes: Items discussed were internal problems, reconciliation among all of the Grace Congregation, and forum to be held between and after services for congregational questions and concerns.

Purposes and Goals for Committees: Items discussed were reaching out to incorporate more members in activities, to recruit Eucharist visitors and developing back-up as future leaders.

Youth/EYC: Jim Wiley reported that 10 to 11 thousand dollars could be used for youth activities. There was general discussion. It was determined that Dwight deLoach will get feedback from parents and children.

Rector's Discretionary Fund—Clarification of 2015 Motion: Jim Wiley stated someone is required to be named in place of the Rector. Karen Eckford made a motion that the Senior Warden be placed in this position. Dennis Magee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Purpose and Goals for Committees: Vestry Liaisons for committees are: Finance—Bill Herbert, Pre-School/Kindergarten—Harriet DuBose, Buildings and Grounds—David Farrow, Christian Formation (Children)—Dwight deLoach, Christian Formation (Adults)—Johnny Burns, Newcomers/Welcoming—Julie Magee, Pastoral Care—Jim Parrish, Outreach and Missions—Frank Trapp, Worship—Jim Wiley, Hospitality—Marti Wallace, Stewardship—Karen Eckford, and Marketing/Communications—Dennis Magee.

Suggested Goals for Year: Jim Wiley stated he would like from each Vestry Member a list of suggested goals for the year by the end of the month (February 29).

Gifts for Grace: Harriet DuBose stated she would like to return to the fair concept depicting the areas of the church, such as Flower Guild, Altar Guild, Outreach, DOK, choir, etc., making people aware of what is needed, and giving them the opportunity to sign up. Dwight deLoach will assist Harriet, and a date was set for April 10, 2016.

Office Staffing: There was discussion as to whether Lynn Godwin should be returned to her previous position. Karen Eckford made a motion that this position be advertised with job description and duties immediately. It was suggested that a member of our church not be placed in the position. Frank Trapp seconded the motion. By a vote of 7 to 4, Ms. Godwin will not be returned to her previous position. Jim Wiley stated Frank Trapp will be on the Executive Committee for the hiring of a person in this position.

Same Sex Marriage Training: Frank Trapp stated that the Bishop has asked all clergy to make congregations of the following: The Bishop is requesting that all vestry in the Diocese of Upper South

Carolina complete the proposed curriculum of Same-Sex Blessing within the Episcopal Church. This needs to be addressed by the Vestry, and the Vestry must take a class.

Annual Dog Show: There was discussion reference setting a date, and April 23 was proposed. John Burns will check this date for conflicts.

Financial Report: Bill Herbert passed out reports depicting current financial standing. Currently \$30,643 has been received with \$36,211 needed to-date. Also, discussed was a gift for Grace's Treasurer of many years, Pete Cantey. Frank Trapp will draft letter; letter will be signed by Vestry, and framed. Also, a gift certificate will be presented to Pete.

Parochial Report Approved: Report was passed around with necessary information, and signatures were obtained.

Scheduled Meetings:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (5:00 P.M.)

Tuesday, March 1
Tuesday, April 5
Tuesday, May 3
Tuesday, June 7

VESTRY MEETINGS (6:00 p.m. IN RICHARDSON HALL)

Tuesday, March 15
Tuesday, April 19
Tuesday, May 17
Tuesday, June 21

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Present at the Meeting: John Burns, Dwight deLoach, Harriet DuBose, Karen Eckford, David Farrow, Bill Herbert, Dennis Magee, Julie Magee, Frank Trapp, Marti Wallace and Jim Wiley.

Absent: Jim Parrish

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Baird, Clerk of the Vestry