

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

VESTRY/AGENDA MINUTES

April 21, 2016

The committee met at 6:00 pm in Richardson Hall.

Devotional: Jim Wiley offered a short presentation with the topic: GRACE. He presented several New Testament references on this subject and emphasized a forgiving spirit as the proper response to what has happened at Grace Church.

Vacation Bible School: Last year's VBS was planned by Amanda Robbins-Murphy. Dennis Magee will contact her reference this matter for 2016.

Graham Butler-Nixon Scholarship: In prior years, the Executive Committee would talk to educators at Grace who would go through applications. Last year Roy Fakoury suggested the matter be handled by outsiders, and was done by the Rotary. Jim Wiley will get copy of rules and format. After discussion, it was decided that three people from Grace will be the selecting committee. Applications will be numbered and no names will be available to those deciding who receives the scholarships.

Diocesan Update: Jim Wiley reported that he met with d'Rue, Diocesan Office. An Interim has not been found. The Bishop wants d'Rue to meet with the Vestry for discussion on the steps to take. Date for the meeting was set for **Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

Office Staff: Jim Wiley reported that interviews have been completed. Lyn Godwin has been chosen for the position. Of the five applicants, she was the most qualified and prepared to step immediately into the job.

Summer Camp Scholarships: Funds to help pay for scholarships to Camp Gravatt have been coming out of the Graham Butler-Nixon fund. This fund was not intended for this expenditure. We currently have three applications. Jim Wiley proposed the same procedure for this year, but in the future it should be a budget item or not advertised. Frank Trapp suggested funds be taken from the Discretionary Fund, and this was agreed by the Vestry.

Regular Reports:

- Senior Warden. Jim Wiley presented additional information as follows: Bishop Charles Duvall will come to Grace Church for the 10:30 service on November 20, 2016.
- Junior Warden. Items addressed were: (1) A number of light bulbs were replaced. (2) Bunn coffee maker in kitchen was replaced: (3) Johnny Burns identified several leaks in the Richardson Hall roof. He is getting someone he knows that is familiar with the particular type roof to look at it and make recommendations. (4) Discussed possible Kindergarten playground renovations with Director Melissa Clyburn. (5) DHEC inspected Richardson Hall since it is used by Kindergarten, and chair railing needs touch-up. Melissa Clyburn said she would co-ordinate painting. (6) Johnny Burns sanded Laurens Street door so it no longer sticks. (7) New bolts in two kneelers.

David Farrow then brought up two additional items not presented in written report: (1) problem with sewer line (cut by city) and (2) monthly maintenance needed for the memorial garden fountain. The first has been resolved and he is researching alternatives for the second.

- Treasurer. Bill Herbert was not present for the meeting but e-mailed the following: Net income for the month of March was \$19,085. This was the result of Total Contribution Income for the month of March 2016 being \$43,044, an increase of \$21,879 more than the March budget of \$21,165 due to increased 2016 Pledges and Identified Non-Pledgers. The continued hard work of the Stewardship Committee, a number of large annual pledges, increased Sunday attendance and Easter assisted in making this very favorable result in income.

Total expenses for the month of March were \$25,494, a decrease of \$2,500 less than the March 2016 budget. This was due to our paying insurance on a quarterly basis and not having the new janitorial service invoice for March 15 through March 31.

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 we have Total Income of \$10,666 versus a Budget \$2,600 due to the favorable Total Contribution Income for the Month of March.

- Stewardship: Karen Eckford was not present for the meeting; however, she presented the following written report: We have personally reached out to anyone who previously pledged but did not for 2016 and to those who reduced their pledge 2015/2016. As a result we have received additional \$\$ and pledges. We continue to work on these parishioners.

Our committee (Karen Eckford, Daphne Cantey, Roy Fakoury, Tina Lockhart and Dennis Magee— Jim Wiley is invited to our meetings) will meet on Wednesday April 27 to discuss what process/program we will use for annual stewardship campaign for 2017. In addition we will discuss how to maintain focus on the subject and ideas for a kick-off event.

Follow-up on Old Business:

- Gifts for Grace Fair. Harriet DuBose was not present due to prior commitment. No report was given on this subject. However, Vestry members were asked to ensure that committees follow-up with those who volunteered to serve.
- Youth Survey. Dwight deLoach was not present due to prior commitment. No report was submitted.

Other Business:

- Mission Team: Frank Trapp reported the date for the trip is May 8 and \$1,000 has been pledged to help with expenditures.
- Hospitality: Marti Wallace questioned how expenditures are handled for the Kitchen Committee. Jim Wiley stated that there is a Hospitality Budget and Heather can provide this information.

- Music Program at Grace: Frank Trapp stated there should be special recognition for Barbara Taylor for the music program; the Vestry agreed.
- Youth Leader: Dennis Magee asked if it were possible for Supply Clergy to be used on-going, so that we could hire a youth leader at Grace? After brief discussion, Jim Wiley stated he could not see this possibility at this time, that the Diocese would most likely insist that we first have a Rector.

Closing Prayer: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting: Johnny Burns, David Farrow, Dennis Magee, Julie Magee, Jim Parrish, Frank Trapp, Marti Wallace and Jim Wiley

Absent due to prior commitments: Dwight deLoach, Harriet DuBose, Karen Eckford, and Bill Herbert

Scheduled Meetings:

Special Meeting—Tuesday, May 3—7:00 p.m., Diocesan Update Meeting with d’Rue

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (5:00 p.m.)

VESTRY MEETINGS (6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 3 at **6:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, May 17

Tuesday, June 7

Tuesday, June 21

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Baird, Clerk of the Vestry