

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

VESTRY/AGENDA MINUTES

May 17, 2016

The committee met at 6:00 p.m. in Richardson Hall, and the meeting was called to order by Senior Warden Jim Wiley.

Devotional: Jim Parrish read an article from *Forward Day by Day*, and A Prayer during our Transition was read in unison.

Approval of Minutes from the Last Two Meetings: Dennis Magee made a motion minutes be approved, and motion was seconded by Bill Herbert. Motion carried.

Regular Reports:

- Senior Warden. Jim Wiley stated there was a possible conflict of the June 21st date for our next meeting due to Vacation Bible School. It was decided the date will remain the same with meeting being held in the Rector's office. He then briefly discussed Safe Church Training and the requirements. It may be possible to use material from the Family Resource Center if Diocese approves. If this doesn't work, training will have to be arranged through the Diocese. It is possible to re-up on line for persons who have had the training. He then stated that Supply Clergy has been scheduled through August.
- Junior Warden. David Farrow briefly brought up the leaking roof situation and the questions regarding the orientation of the statue in the Memorial Garden fountain. There was brief discussion but the decision was postponed until more information is available.
- Treasurer. Bill Herbert stated as of the end of April there is a \$40,000 surplus due to a generous gift of \$16,000. In addition he closed Wells Fargo fund with a one-time profit of \$30,000. Additional information was not available at this time, but will be sent to Vestry as soon as possible.

Letter from The Rt. Rev. W. Andrew Waldo: The vestry discussed the appropriate responses to a letter received from Bishop Waldo, concerning "next steps" for clerical support at our church. The Bishop indicated that he was possibly open to allowing Grace to initiate a search for a Rector, but needed first to ensure that we agreed to a framework for that search, with the Diocese. After considerable discussion, the Vestry authorized the Senior Warden to draft a response, share it with the entire Vestry and then send the response to the Bishop.

Other Business:

- Diocesan Fund. Bill Herbert stated that our investment fund is costing us money. He asked permission to liquidate funds and put into a money mart fund. Dennis Magee made a motion that permission be granted. Marti Wallace seconded the motion. Motion carried (unanimous).
- Report from Vestry Member Frank Trapp. Frank was not present for the meeting. However, he presented the following written report.
The Mission trip to North Charleston was very successful. We had 10 volunteers who painted the insides of two homes and completely rebuilt a bathroom in another home. A prayer shawl was given to one of the home owners. (4) I was also responsible for contacting the North

Carolina United Methodist Disaster Response Group and have them loan 35 bunk beds and 20 mattresses to the South Carolina United Methodist Team in North Charleston. Two couples from the Grace team worked two days before the rest of the team arrived to assemble the beds. As part of our love offering to Aldersgate UMC, Grace Mission Team agreed to pay for the cost of the rental truck which the Aldersgate Church used to go to Goldsboro, NC to pick up the beds. Grace was also responsible for obtaining a gift to AldersgateUMC to cover the cost of the remaining required mattresses.

Closing Prayer: The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment: 7:15 p.m.

Present at the meeting: Johnny Burns, Harriet DuBose, Karen Eckford, David Farrow, Bill Herbert, Dennis Magee, Julie Magee, Jim Parrish, Marti Wallace, and Jim Wiley

Absent due to prior commitments: Dwight deLoach and Frank Trapp

Scheduled Meetings:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (5:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, June 7

VESTRY MEETING (6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, June 21

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Baird, Clerk of the Vestry