

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

VESTRY/AGENDA MINUTES

June 21, 2016

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

Opening Prayer: Senior Warden Jim Wiley offered a Transition prayer.

Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2016: Karen Eckford made a motion for approval of minutes, and the motion was seconded by Bill Herbert. Motion carried.

Regular Reports:

- Senior Warden. Supply Priests for Sundays have been arranged through mid-October, other than August 14 (Charles Davis cannot conduct this service). Supply Priests for Wednesday Services have been arranged through mid-September. Two candidates for the Graham Butler Nixon scholarship have been selected by the committee, a Lugoff-Elgin and a Camden High School senior. It will be necessary for arrangements to be made to have them present at a Sunday Service.
Dwight deLoach suggested that criteria for GBN scholarship selection be clarified for the congregation.
- Junior Warden. Johnny Burns briefly brought up the orientation of the statute in the Memorial Garden fountain, discussed in the May 17th meeting, and his plans to review the contracts for cleaning the buildings and yard.
- Financial/Treasurer's Report. Bill Herbert passed out copies of Balance Sheet, Income Statement Sheet and Income Statement for the Month & Five Months Ended May 31, 2016. An amount of \$250,000 was removed from the Wells Fargo investment account and moved to NBSC Money Market account (after getting competitive quotes from several local banks). Permission has been asked to remove \$70,000 from the diocesan account but has not been granted as of this date. Per Income Statement, the deficit for May was \$15,685. The amount necessary for buildings and grounds has increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500 due to extra kindergarten expenses. The clergy pension we continue to pay to James Barnhill will end on July 15, 2016.
- Stewardship Report. Karen Eckford passed out handout: *The Gratitude Path: Leading Your Church to Generosity*. She discussed dates for various events per the handout. For the Stewardship Brunch, she asked that Vestry be willing to call people asking if they will attend. Frank Trapp then made a motion that the Vestry accept the proposal. Motion was seconded by Marti Wallace. Motion carried.

Preparing for Rector Search:

- Search Team: Senior Warden Jim Wiley stated the Search Team must be identified. Training for the team and the Vestry will be on July 7th at 6:00 p.m., provisionally. The Vestry is also

responsible for providing a clear and specific charge to the Search Team. The profile and portfolio transition is done by the Search Team.

After lengthy discussion, potential members for the Search Team were identified and will be invited by the Senior Warden. Announcements will be made once the team is completed. The date for training will be confirmed once the team has been completed.

Marti Wallace was appointed and agreed to serve on the Search Team as Vestry Liaison.

- Strategic Focus: In preparation for the formulation of the charge to the Search Team, the Vestry reviewed the results of strategic planning efforts made by the congregation over the past six years, and agreed in principle that the Mission and Priority Ministries we have been focused on remain valid for the foreseeable future. A revised statement of these will be circulated for final approval.

Other Business:

- As John Burns has accepted the role of Junior Warden (after David Farrow's resignation), new Vestry member Pam Jackson has accepted the role of Vestry Liaison for Adult Christian Formation.
- After discussion, George and Margie Lane will be asked to return as Convention/Convocation Delegates representing Grace Church, in place of David and Catherine Farrow.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer, at 8:00 p.m.

Present: John Burns, Dwight deLoach, Karen Eckford, Bill Herbert, Pam Jackson, Julie Magee, Dennis Magee, Frank Trapp, Jim Parrish, Marti Wallace, Jim Wiley

Absent: Harriet Dubose (out of town)

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Baird
Clerk of the Vestry
(First part of Meeting)

Jim Wiley
Senior Warden
(Remainder of Meeting)