

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
EMERGENCY VESTRY MEETING

October 4, 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: The Vestry members prayed in unison: *Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall chose a rector for this 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.*

Letter of Resignation: The Senior Warden presented to the Vestry his letter of resignation as follows:

This letter is my formal resignation from the Vestry of Grace Church, due to my move to Missoula, Montana.

Although there have been challenges, it has been a real pleasure working with all of you, and I truly believe that Grace church is on the right path. I know that you will be especially careful as you select your next Rector, and will have patience to ensure that you select the right person for this important position at Grace.

My prayers will be with you, collectively and individually, and with the Grace Church Search Team. In attrition, and only if you feel that it would be useful to Grace Church, let me reiterate my willingness to return to Camden to help with the search process and selection (or, alternatively, I can provide input from afar, if you wish).

Andrea joins me in wishing all the best for Grace Church in the future, as it has been an important part of our lives in Camden.

With a good Mexican Abrazo (hug), *James H. Wiley*

Discussion and Agreement on Process: Senior Warden Jim Wiley stated he will be leaving Camden on November 8. A Vestry member to replace him will have to be selected before the regular meeting on Wednesday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. and suggested names are to be given to him. Once the new member is present, a Senior Warden will have to be elected.

Note: There was discussion on names of possible members to be considered and it was agreed that Jim Wiley will contact them.

Nomination for Replacement Convention Delegate: Grace currently has four delegates to the convention: Jim Wiley, Margie Lane, George Lane, and Tina Lockhart. With the resignation of Jim Wiley, Karen Eckford agreed to serve as delegate.

Other Business:

- Kindergarten Board: Rogers Pender has agreed to replace Andrea Wiley on the board. Jim Wiley made a motion that Rogers replace Andrea. Motion was seconded by Harriet DuBose. Motion carried (unanimous).
- Responsibility for Scheduling Eucharist Ministers, Lay Readers, Ushers, etc. Johnny Burns stated that this could be handled by the office staff.
- Removal of Trees in Courtyard: George Lane suggested the removal of the magnolia tree. After discussion, the consensus was that three trees should be removed.

Note: Jim Wiley stated this should be placed on the agenda for the regular meeting scheduled for October 19.

- Plumbing Problem in Kitchen. George Lane stated there was a problem that needed to be corrected. Bill Herbert said there was \$4500 available in the Safety Fund which could be used for this. Also, there is \$20,000 in the Capital Fund.
- Issues Noted by Frank Trapp: Frank stated that Vestry Members should take responsibility for the area to which they are assigned. He also said before removal of trees we should let the congregation know ahead of time. He also displayed a plaque presented to him by North Central High School for his mentoring program.
- Software for Office: Dennis Magee discussed proposed software. ACS company has been recommended with programs specifically designed for churches. There will be a demonstration of this equipment on Tuesday, October 18.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer said in unison at 6:45.

Present: Johnny Burns, Harriet DuBose, Karen Eckford, Bill Herbert, Pam Jackson, George Lane, Dennis Magee, Marti Wallace, Frank Trapp and Jim Wiley.

Absent: Dwight deLoach, out of town
Julie Magee, out of town
Jim Parrish, planned vacation

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Baird, Clerk of the Vestry