

**Grace Church Vestry Meeting
January 30, 2018
6:00 PM**

Members Present: Daphne Cantey, Karen Eckford, Amy Kinard, Meta Markley, P'Nut Truesdale, Walter Long, Amanda Robbins-Murphy, John Hungerford, Marti Wallace, Julie Magee, Pam Jackson, Tina Lockhart, Bill Herbert (Treasurer) and Pickett Wall (Rector)

Pickett opened the meeting in prayer. He welcomed the new members to the Vestry (Amy, Walter and John) and offered thanks to the members rotating off (Julie Magee and Pam Jackson. Daphne Cantey filled out a one-year term last year and was elected to a full three year term.

Rector's Report: For tax purposes a portion of the Rector's salary may be designated a housing allowance. Vestry must approve the specific amount. Pickett requested that the Vestry approve his 2017 housing allowance at \$30 thousand and the amount for 2018 at \$26 thousand. This proposal was unanimously approved.

Pickett asked Karen to coordinate with members a Saturday morning within the next two months for a Vestry retreat. The meeting will include lunch.

Officer Elections: Karen Eckford was unanimously elected for another one-year term as Senior Warden

John Hungerford was unanimously elected to serve as Junior Warden.

There was a need to elect a Vestry secretary in accordance with Church canons. A motion was approved that this function will be done on a rotating schedule among Vestry members. Walter Long volunteered to be the first in the rotation beginning in February. He offered to coordinate the schedule going forward.

Old Business: Bill Herbert was elected Grace Church Treasurer by acclamation.

New Business: Jim and Eleanor Parrish have inquired whether Scott Freiberg could lead free yoga classes in Richardson Hall on Saturday mornings. A discussion brought out that this would be a good outreach opportunity, but Scott would need to have a background check, insurance and some safe church training. This issue will be an item for Vestry discussion at our next meeting

Our church Financial Secretary, Heather Roberts, has taken a full time job elsewhere. To replace her, the Finance Committee (Bill Herbert and Daphne Cantey) has decided to ask Allstaff Temp Agency to pre-screen suitable candidates for this job. It is hoped we can fill the job within a month.

Pam Jackson suggestion that in the interim period when there will only be one person in the office, more effort should be made to solicit volunteer help.

Pam Jackson who is rotating off Vestry delivered to Karen Eckford a packet of information outlining her actions as supervisor of the Grace Church nursery.

Pickett closed the meeting in prayer and we adjourned.