

St. Helena's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2017

Vestry Present: Tommy Hughston, Tommy Mathews, Anne Rea, Paul Johnson, Ruth McBride, Cindy Erickson, Julie Vickery

Vestry Absent: Jasen Hart, Linda Lee Gatell, Scott Hardin, Renee Snyder

Clergy: Fr. David Read

Staff/Treasurer: Ann Shorter/Ron Tribo

Visitors: Griz Adams, Eagle Scout Ben Simmons, Gary & Valerie Simmons

Call to Order: 6:30

Opening Prayer: Tommy Hughston

Minutes: November Approval Motion: Anne Rea 2nd: Cindy Erickson Vote: Unanimous

Rector's Time (Fr. David Read)

- Thanks for all who worked on the Installation
- Bethlehem, Lessons & Carols and the Angel Tree Party were each a great success
- We are preparing for Christmas and the Christmas Eve services
- Reintroducing the Crossfinder. This will increase communication with the households of our congregation and allow us to tell the "why" and the "how" God is working among us. It will provide stories about how lives are changed, how we are spreading the kingdom and be so much more than schedules and announcements. Mrs. Erin Koehler will work as a subcontractor and prepare the publication for \$250 per issue. The target is 7 issues per year.
- Beginning to contemplate staffing needs/additions. Sexton, gaps where we are missing young families, potential for a part time minister to work with young families (Parent's night out idea).
- Update on Fr. Bill Calhoun's arrangements. Bs. Reed to preside over the service to be held on Jan 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the Historic Sanctuary.
- Fr. David will be in Chicago from 1/8 – 1/12 because of his Doctorate schedule

Junior Warden Report (covered by the Senior Warden)

Senior Warden Report (Tommy Hughston)

- Be mindful of the Christmas offering security and be sure to get the breakfast money. Vestry host schedule for the day was finalized
- Feb. 2, 2018 overnight Vestry retreat at Camp Capers
- The repairs to the HVAC which feeds the kitchen (aka Frosty) will fall to next year's expenses
- The sport court backboard is with Brian Scheele who will be replacing the glass with metal
- The flat roof on the classroom wing is expensive to replace and leaks will simply be repaired/patched
- Scheduled painting on campus is complete
- The 2018 Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for 1/21/2018
- January Vestry Host Schedule is set and the new Senior Warden will set the balance of the 2018 schedule
- There is a Cursillo in March at Camp Capers, those who have not been on this spiritual weekend retreat are encouraged to go. Candidates from within the congregation are being sought.
- Considering and hoping to add roof line lights to the 2018 budget
- Be sure to double check all doors when locking up after Vestry Host duties.

Finance/Stewardship (Ann Shorter/Ron Tribo)

- ✓ See financial reports
- ✓ Income is down
- ✓ Expenses are also down
- ✓ The net impact is positive
- ✓ Working on the 1st draft of the budget
- ✓ Looking at staff, departments and ministries

Apportionment Designation Discussion (Fr. David Read)

- ✓ Fr. David provided a summary of the action to be considered and the general history.
- ✓ Good and productive group discussion on this agenda item.
- ✓ 2018 Apportionment is projected to be \$151,512 (18% of the rolling 3 year average). Of this 12% (or \$18,181) would normally go to the national church (ECUSA).
- ✓ In 2017, and historically, St. Helenas has designated as allowed by diocesan guidelines for the 12% to go to “ministries outside the Diocese.
- ✓ Actions taken at the last General ECUSA Convention made diocesan apportionment mandatory and decreased it to 15%.

Action: Motion Julie Vickery, 2nd Tommy Mathews to maintain our current practice of designating the funds to go to World Mission and Outreach outside of the DWTX. Vote 4-3 in favor. Positive post vote discussion about working toward a consensus based process for future votes/actions.

Nominating Process (Tommy Hughston)

A committee of the outgoing Vestry members has met to work on a slate of 5 nominees (4 @ 3 year terms, 1 @ 1 year term). They will complete the slate and have them vetted prior to the next Vestry meeting (1/16/2018)

SHEEP (Julie Vickery)

Julie reported the SHEEP is working on their budget as well as securing accounting help for Ms. Tiffany.

Action Item/Voting Review was performed

Approved November minutes

Designated the portion of St. Helena’s apportionment that could go to ECUSA to go to World Mission & Outreach outside of the DWTX

Around the Table: Anne Rea will send around any updates to her ministry reports. Paul Johnson wanted to clarify a note in the minutes. Julie reported that her ministries had nothing to report for this cycle.

Around the Room: none

Executive Session: None**Announcements: Next meeting January 16, 2018**

Closing Prayer: Tommy “Poncho” Hughston blessed the Vestry with a very moving story about his visit to a rehabilitation facility. He also provided this piece of wisdom, “Nothing changes....if nothing changes” and then closed us in prayer! Great thanks to Tommy for his leadership!

Adjourn: 7:58