

## St. Helena's Episcopal Church

### Vestry Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2018

**Vestry Present:** Tommy Mathews, Anne Rea, Linda Lee Gatell, Cindy Erickson, Jasen Hart, Erin Barton, Karen Medina

**Vestry Absent:** Julie Vickery, Paul Johnson, John Howe, Mark Littlestar & Brian Topper

**Clergy:** The Rev. David G. Read

**Staff/Treasurer:** Ann Shorter/Ron Tribo

**Visitors:** None

**Call to Order:** 6:35 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. David Read

**Minutes:** Approved by Vestry consensus as written per corrections.

#### Rector's Time

- **Review of Events:** Bishop Reed's Memorial Day Weekend visit a great success! 22 persons were confirmed/transfers plus 2-5 more persons to confirm another time. Barb and John Howe did a great job hosting the New Member IWC dinner. Buddy Loveless spearheaded a very successful Berges Fest Hot Dog Give on our front lawn during the parade and over 600 hot dogs were given to parade goers. It was a terrific way to make our presence known in the community.
- **Staffing:** Stefanie Nitschke started on June 18 as our new Minister for Young Families. We are posting a job opening for a Part-Time Sexton to support our church and our school. We have budgeted for half the year for this position, and hope to have someone in place by August 1. 70% of the job will focus on our church and 30% of the job on SHEEP. The challenge is luring qualified candidates to the job because there is a labor shortage in our booming community.
- **Moving the Nursery:** The nursery's present location can be a challenge to locate for visitors, and it is far away from the 11:00 a.m. service in the Historic Sanctuary. It is proposed to move the Sunday nursery to the current Welcome Center and Reading Room location in the Parish Hall building that is not currently being used. Dawn McLendon met with the nursery staff and they love the idea of moving to a more central location. Minor room configuration changes will be made at a minimal cost that is within our budget.
- **General Convention, July 3-13:** Encourage everyone to attend because it is in Austin, TX, and it will most likely never be closer to us. Father David will recap the General Convention during Sunday School on July 15.
- **Paying off the Mortgage:** We are reviewing ways to retire the Wendler Hall Mortgage debt by the end of this year without impacting annual stewardship and our annual operating budget. By retiring the Wendler Hall Debt now, we free up money spent on monthly interest to fuel our growth and outreach opportunities.

#### Senior Warden

- **Vestry Responsibilities:** Tidy up bathrooms on Sunday mornings; be mindful of keeping doors closed to keep spaces cool, especially in the Historic Sanctuary; and, be good listeners with our fellow parishioners.
- **BISD Superintendent Mtg with Fr. David:** Tommy arranged for our new BISD Superintendent, Dr. Price, to meet with Father David to get to know one another and

spread good will, as we want to be good neighbors and be supportive.

### **Subcommittee Meetings/Reports**

#### ➤ **Mission (Anne Rea)**

- Each committee member is serving as a liaison for 3-4 outreach committees to report on developments to the Vestry. The Senior Fellowship gave \$800 for a heating stove for Wounded Knee. The South Dakota Outreach Team was commissioned on June 24 before they depart for Wounded Knee, of which they exceeded their initial fundraising goal for Phase I. We are finishing up Baby Bottle Boomerang.

#### ➤ **Administration (Ron Tribo/Ann Shorter)**

- Our budget is in good shape overall. We are making progress on the Wendler Hall mortgage. Typically in the summer our pledges and plate offerings weaken, so please make your pledges.
- **Adopted Finance Reports:** Motion: Jasen Hart 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cindy Erickson Adopted: Unanimous

#### ➤ **Buildings and Grounds (Jasen Hart)**

- HVAC is repaired as well as the Hill House water leak. Ann Shorter shared that the staff is reviewing thermostat settings in all buildings to be more energy efficient.

### **SHEEP Update (Karen Medina)**

- **Hill House:** Fence is complete. Once remodeling is complete, may need assistance to finish the gate at the driveway because of the concrete.
- **Teachers:** Conducting summer training.

### **Action Item/Voting Review was performed**

Approved May Minutes

Adopted Finance Report

Approved Moving Nursery Location

### **Around the Table: (Info/Questions)**

- Cindy Erickson offered lots of kudos to Dawn McLendon for the new VBS curriculum. Cindy said it is awesome and exciting for the teachers and the children. Parents are sharing that their children are excited to participate each day.

### **Announcements: Next meeting is August 21, 2018**

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. David Read

**Adjourn:** 7:56 p.m.