

**St. Helena's Episcopal Church**

**Vestry Meeting Minutes**

**September 18, 2018**

**Vestry Present:** Anne Rea, Mark LittleStar, Cindy Erickson, Jasen Hart, Erin Barton, Karen Medina, Paul Johnson & John Howe

**Vestry Absent:** Tommy Mathews, Linda Lee Gatell, Julie Vickery & Brian Topper

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

**Staff/Treasurer:** Ron Tribo

**Visitors:** None

**Call to Order:** 6:40 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. David Read

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

**Rector's Time**

- **The Story:** Terrific start to the new Sunday School study. At the Wednesday lesson, about 55 persons were in attendance and at the Sunday lesson about 129 persons were in attendance. Feedback has been positive. Additionally, the youth groups are participating in the study. We will continue to adjust logistics so that the study runs smoothly.
- **Stewardship:** The goals and timeline for Stewardship 2018 were presented. The theme this year, "Thanks Be To God" was introduced and we seek to have 100% participation from our active membership. Stewardship is a thankful response to all that God has given us. On October 17, letters and pledge cards will be mailed, and October 28 is Pledge Sunday. We will follow-up on pledge cards thereafter and hope to have all pledges turned in before Thanksgiving.
- **Parish Hall:** Consider upgrading and improving the look to our Parish Hall by creating an exploratory committee to determine how much it would cost. Items that might be addressed are repainting the interior of the room and making improvements to the sound system and flooring. At this time, we are introducing the conversation for a possible implementation in the spring of 2019.

**Senior Warden**

- No new updates, and Tommy will return in October.

**Subcommittee Meetings/Reports**

- **Mission (Anne Rea)**
  - Senior Fellowship is hosting The Rev. Dr. David Maltzberger for a presentation open to all church members on September 23 in Wendler Hall and the group is making a trip to tour the Toyota Plant with lunch following on November 7. Flu shots will also be available on October 26 in Room 1 from 9-11 a.m. More drivers have offered to drive for Angels & Elders. Fresh Fruits & Veggies are collecting money for the purchase of the food and more participants have offered to participate in Fishes and Loaves.
- **Administration (John Howe & Ron Tribo).**
  - Our budget is doing well. The Wendler Hall debt is continuing to decrease, and on October 18, the Finance Committee will meet with Frost Bank to review portfolio performance and determine the annual distribution for 2019 budget. The annual audit has been performed and will be presented at the October Vestry

meeting.

- **Adopted Finance Reports:** Motion: John Howe 2<sup>nd</sup>: Anne Rea Adopted: Unanimous

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

- Dale Martin, our new Sexton, is doing a great job!

**SHEEP Update (Karen Medina)**

- **SHEEP School Board Bylaws:** Three minimal word changes were made to the Bylaws that include (a) eleven members serve on the School Board instead of nine, (b) the Minister for Young Families is now included on the Board and (c) seven members shall constitute a quorum.
- **New Officers for School Board:** Melissa Hart is the President; Karen Medina is the Vice President; Patty Calder is the Treasurer; and Emily Bubela is the Secretary.
- **Budget:** Hope to present it to the Vestry at the November meeting.

**Action Item/Voting Review was performed**

Approved August Minutes

Adopted Finance Report

Adopted Stewardship Goals and Timeline Plan

Adopted SHEEP School Board Bylaws

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

- Cindy Erickson shared new prospective members relocating from Corpus Christi Good Shepherd. Father David will be gone from November 23 to December 3 for Israel Trip and Erin Barton will not be in attendance at the October Vestry meeting.

**Announcements: Next meeting is October 16, 2018**

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. David Read

**Adjourn:** 7:32 p.m.