

## **Vestry Meeting – June 21 , 2016**

**Attending:** Harrison McLeod (Rector), Sam Erwin (Sr. Warden), Bill Hardaway (Jr. Warden), Bill Kehl (Chancellor), Dena Benedict, Tom Croft, Wayne McDonald, Bryant Nixon, Ben Norwood (via conference call), Louise Oxner, Chuck Reichert, Dan Seaman (Assistant Treasurer), Beth Smith, Lizzy Sterling, Betty Teague. Brent Williams, Rose Cuddy (Recorder)

**Absent:** Nelson Arrington, Chris Klasing (Treasurer).

### **May Minutes**

The May Vestry Meeting minutes were distributed by email prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Wayne McDonald and seconded by Chuck Reichert. All voted in favor, none were opposed.

### **Rector's Report**

Harrison informed the Vestry that the August 7 10:30 AM service will begin in the Church, and after the peace, process to the ASC Worship Space. We hope to have Bishop Hultstrand perform the ceremonial knocking on the door and help us celebrate the Eucharist in our new worship area. The following week, August 14, we will have the first baptisms in the ASC worship center.

September appears to be a more realistic start date for the actual construction work. Tom Croft added that behind the scenes work and construction staging will begin immediately after we leave the church.

Personnel Updates: Lauren Sigmon has begun work as Resource Development Director. Jeremy Wilkerson, our Controller, will be leaving July 1 for a position at Covenant United Methodist in Greer. Lieshe Middleton, former Young Adult Director, is no longer working at Christ Church. Lizzy Sterling inquired about the Youth Ministry open positions. Harrison informed the group that Vestry member Beth Smith, and parishioners Jennifer McLeod, Mary Horne, Caroline Avinger and Rikke Gillespie have formed a Youth Ministry Transition Team to identifying potential candidates. A separate group of volunteers has formed a Youth Advisory Council, which will be responsible for continuing the programming part of our ministry. Next week is a follow up meeting where more direction may be discerned.

Harrison addressed the budget shortfall. It was funded this year through reserves, which will not be available next year. We will consider staffing options at the church, such as should we continue with two youth ministers. He is encouraging staff to consider creative ways to engage parishioners in ministry.

Ben Norwood asked about filling Jeremy's position since this is not a position that Dan and Chris can pick up. Harrison answered that a temporary employee, Jim Davis, is learning Jeremy's duties and that the Business Office will develop a plan.

Dan gave additional information on Jim Davis, a longtime church and for profit accountant, and an organist at Church of the Good Shepherd in Greer.

### **Senior Warden's Report**

None.

## **Junior Warden's Report**

Bill reported that he took part in a preliminary meeting that took place today with Larry Pope and Christine Skelton regarding scheduling the annual one on one meetings with the CCEP/CCEC staff and Human Resource Committee members.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Dan Seaman reported that revenue is a little ahead through May and expenses are currently underspent. HIStory Lives is in good shape and the pledges continue to come in at a reasonable rate.

Sam asked about researching money market accounts rather than holding all our cash in checking. Dan will follow up on this. He related that we have a lot of cash that is not earning interest, but this is offset with less in fees.

## **Departmental Reports**

Chuck reported that he is putting together a budget for the ASC construction and preparation for worship there. He reported working on the Chancel platform this morning – it is completed and additional work is forthcoming.

Lizzy reported that the carpet has been ordered. The company we ordered from will begin the work and return to trim the edges. Parishioners will install the majority of the floor to save costs. Arrival date is July 15 and Smith Dray is charging a nominal fee to transport.

Beth related that there are a number of people stepping up to the plate for Youth Ministry. The core group of women searching for candidates is happy to receive contact information and any suggestions that you might have. Beth would also encourage the Vestry members to assist with Youth Ministry in any way.

Harrison noted that the CCEP accreditation visit is scheduled for mid-July.

## **New Business**

The Nominations and Elections slate of new members of the committee was presented. Louise Oxner made the motion to approve the slate as presented: Sonny Ballard (Senior Warden nominee – 2 year term), Ann Bull (Junior Warden nominee – 2 year term), Beverly Marion (Rector nominee – 2 year term), Nelson Arrington (retiring Vestry – 1 year term), Lizzy Sterling (continuing Vestry – 1 year term). Wayne McDonald seconded. All approved, none were opposed.

Dena Benedict presented a motion to approve Karen French for the Canterbury Counseling Center board for a position that had been vacated. Lizzy Sterling seconded. All approved, none were opposed.

Wayne presented Sterling Hope Center board member Trey Gardner to be approved by the Vestry. Bryant Nixon seconded the motion. All approved, none were opposed.

A required report was presented as information from the Diocese for two former priests who have renounced their vows: The Reverend Preston B. Huntley, Jr., and The Reverend B. Grimball, Jr. No Vestry action was required.

St. Luke's Chapel – The Endowment will fund the construction of the new St. Luke's Chapel in the Church and they will own the columbarium slots, which will then be offered for sale to repay the endowment. Betty moved to proceed with construction of the Chapel as part of the Church restoration project. Tom seconded. Discussion ensued. Memorial Committee meeting is tomorrow,

so publicity about the new window needed and the columbarium slots will be forthcoming. Taking the funds from the Endowment would mean that we would not have the 4 ½ percent distribution on those funds next year - this would be some cost to the church. All approved, none were opposed.

Added to the Agenda was the selection and approval of Harper Construction as the general contractor for the Church Restoration. Two weeks ago, Harper, Triangle and Mashburn construction companies presented their proposals to the committee. Tom Croft reported that all three were close to our original estimate for the scope of the work and all the firms had church restoration experience. Brent asked if there were any church members employed at Harper. Andy Hall was mentioned as a senior project manager. *Bryant Nixon presented the motion for a vote by the Vestry for Jackson Hughes to begin working with Harper Construction to negotiate a contract for a final price on the restoration project.* Lizzy Sterling seconded the motion. All approved, none were opposed.

Discussion regarding parking issues ensued. Tom updated that the City staff would not support the razing of the 107 Broadus property, so the request was withdrawn. Other strategies will take time and preparation. Tom asked about 360 software company parking on Sundays - Harrison mentioned that they asked us not to park there on weekdays, but negotiation for Sundays may be possible.

Lizzy reminded the group to thank Jack McKay, Henry DuPre and Chuck Reichert for their work building the Chancel today. Harrison remarked on Rose's birthday yesterday.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting concluded with Compline. The business meeting was adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Rose Cuddy, recorder