

## Vestry Retreat Minutes

February 29, 2020

### A. Members in attendance

Rev. Ben Robertson     Bob Williams, Sr. Warden     Ralph Stillions, Jr. Warden  
Ellen O'Neal, Tommy Roberson, Will Morton, Steve Middleton, Stan Herren, Sarabeth Clark, Bill Buhner, Rebecca Haas, Brock Haas, Ashley Herden

### B. Opened in prayer by Rev. Ben Robertson

### C. Vestry Orientation

- check of personal info and phone numbers, change made to Ralph's number
- scheduled devotions for each monthly meeting: March—Will, April—Bill, May—Ellen, June—Ralph, July—off, August—Ashley, September—Tommy, October—Rebecca, November—Stan, December—Sarabeth, January—Bob
- vestry norms discussed; thoughts added by each vestry member
- email votes—once a majority is reached, Ben can act
- Will suggested/asked if there is a process or procedure for Chapel members to bring concerns to the vestry; wondered if there could be a formal procedure so we could vet those questions
- if vestry members have a concern that relates to the rector (Ben), they should go to the Senior Warden (Bob) first, before reporting to the Bishop (depending on concerns)

### D. Elections for treasurer, clerk, finance, annual council

--treasurer: Brock Haas; nominated by Ben, seconded by Ellen, nominations closed by Bob, unanimously approved by vestry's vote

--clerk: Ashley Herden, nominated by Ben, seconded by Bob, closed by Bob, unanimously approved by the vestry's vote

--finance committee: Ellen was nominated by Bob to serve a 2 year term, along with current members Whit Rayner, Stephanie Scott, and Guy Bowering; Ellen expressed concerns about her nomination based on lack of knowledge, but agreed to accept the nomination; Ralph moved to accept the nomination, several Vestry members seconded, unanimously approved by the vestry's vote

--delegates for Annual Council: Bob (Sr. Warden) and Ralph (Jr. Warden) agree to be delegates; Bill Buhner volunteered to be 3<sup>rd</sup> delegate; Sarabeth nominated as 1<sup>st</sup> alternate, Rebecca nominated as 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate, Ellen nominated as 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate

Motion to elect Bill as 3<sup>rd</sup> delegate and Sarabeth, Rebecca, Ellen as alternates made by Bob, seconded by several members, unanimously approved by the vestry's vote

### E. Get to know you games

--each vestry member shared a fact about him/herself and other vestry members had to guess who the fact was about

### F. Church history lecture—Ben

### G. The FAM (formation and fellowship, administration, ministry)

--committees/guilds/working groups are a creation of the vestry so they can work on issues and bring to vestry if needed

- need to be active, well-thought out, vetted
- Formation and Fellowship: Rebecca named chair, Ellen added as vestry member
- Administration: Stan added as vestry member
- Ministry: Steve named chair; Tommy, Sarabeth, Bill added as vestry members
- Will Morton added as guild leader for Parish Weekend
- Ashley Herden added as guild leader for Vacation Bible School
- Brock Haas added as guild leader for Finance
- discussion of adding Betty Ruth Fox as Stewardship guild leader

#### H. Fun With Money!!!!

- committees/guilds make budget requests in November; vestry passes annual budget in December or January of each year; finance committee makes the overall budget and it is usually approved at the January vestry meeting—this is due to the fact that pledges increase towards the end of the year so the budget can't be finalized until those pledges come in
- designated funds—general funds, created by vestry; vestry can say where this money goes and change that decision at any time
- restricted funds—given by individual with specific purpose or purchase in mind; money can only be spent that way
- stewardship campaign in fall, parties in homes again; possible stewardship presentations during Sunday School hour in individual classes

#### I. The Name

- discussions about naming the new worship space
- read aloud different texts for inspiration, noting key words/phrases/themes that stand out
- words/phrases that stood out: grove, Holy Spirit, acceptance, refuge, sanctuary, community, home, providence, whisper, tranquility, reconciliation, rejoice, be of good courage, simple brick church, glade, dream, Johnstone, hope, welcoming
- The Chapel of the Cross/Johnstone Chapel, David Christian Hall
- possibilities for new building name: The Chapel of the \_\_\_\_\_; suggestions—Peace, All Saints' Chapel, Holy Spirit, Resurrection, Reconciliation, Lamb, Providence
- The Chapel of the Resurrection stood out to many members of the vestry
- discussion of opening up suggestions to the larger Chapel community; parishioners can email suggestions to Emily or drop them in boxes in the Chapel; bring back up in March or April for vestry to vote

Moved immediately into February vestry meeting