

## **St. Philip's Episcopal Church**

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### **VESTRY MEETING AGENDA**

**Monday, February 26, 2018**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Vestry Present:** Liz DeGaynor, Beverly McNeill, Marjorie Miller, Alec Motten, Pamela Njai, Dan Pearson, Kirk Royal, Bob Walker, Bynum Walter, Glenn Walters, Chapman Williams, Callie Woods

**Clergy Present:** the Rev. Jonah Kendall, the Rev. Sally French

**Guests:** Andrew Sprouse

**Call to Order** The regular monthly meeting of the vestry of St. Philip's Church convened on February 26, 2018 at 6:01 pm in the St. Philip's library, the Rector being in the chair and the Clerk being present. Jonah Kendall opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Minutes** (See Dropbox) Kirk Royal moved to approve the January 22, 2018 Vestry Meeting minutes and Bob Walker seconded the motion; it was approved nem. con. Alec Motten moved to approve the February 9 - 10, 2018 Vestry Retreat minutes and Beverly McNeill seconded the motion; it was approved nem. con.

**Treasurer's Report** (See Dropbox) Andrew Sprouse presented an amended 2018 budget. The amended budget differs from the previously adopted budget:

- Personnel expenses in the amended budget are approximately \$26,000 less than the previously adopted budget; the higher incorrect number was the result of a spreadsheet error.
- A bequest to the church of \$20,000 is applied to the loan principal on the parish house in the amended budget, rather than being used to pay debt service for the year.
- A \$6,000 surplus results from the two changes noted above. The surplus will be applied to the Operating Reserve Fund.

Bob Walker moved to adopt the amended budget as presented and Kirk Royal seconded the motion; it was approved nem. con.

A report comparing January expenses to the newly adopted budget will be presented for review at the March meeting.

### **Visit by the Right Reverend Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Suffragan**

The bishop engaged the vestry in a conversation about how St. Philip's connects with the diocese: participation in diocesan leadership and committees, diocesan asking. She noted that while the percent of the diocesan asking is decreasing over time, for growing parishes like St. Philip's, the dollar amount will still rise.

The bishop spoke about El Buen Pastor and noted that while the convocation contribution to El Buen Pastor has gone down, the need has not. *She encouraged the vestry and St. Philip's to pursue additional opportunities for partnership with El Buen Pastor.* The diocese has increased the Hispanic Ministry Coordinator from quarter- to half-time. This position is split mostly between Johnston and Wilson counties - home to the largest, but least served hispanic populations in the diocese.

*The bishop encouraged the vestry to organize opportunities for St. Philippians to participate in the Go Speak: Reconciliation Edition.* This deck of cards provides structure for listening and discussion of how God moves in our lives. The bishop spoke about the Episcopal Church's commitment to evangelism and the work of reconciliation, [Becoming Beloved Community: An Episcopal Journey to Racial Healing, Reconciliation, and Justice](#). *The bishop encouraged the vestry, and all episcopalians, to read the plan. She further encouraged the vestry and St. Philip's to pursue additional opportunities for partnership with St. Titus' Church.*

The bishop reflected on St. Philip's community garden and the Ryals Fund and *challenged the vestry and St. Philip's to pursue new opportunities for environmental stewardship.*

Bishop Rodman will visit on October 14, 2018 for confirmation at the 11:00 am service followed by a meeting with the vestry.

**Strategic Plan Reports** (See Dropbox) Updated strategic plan reports that articulate goals for the first quarter of the year were provided for information. First quarter reporting will happen during the March meeting.

**Parochial Report** (See Dropbox) Jonah Kendall presented the annual parochial report. Alex Motten moved to adopt the report as presented and Kirk Royal seconded the motion; it was approved nem. con.

**Junior Warden's Report** Glenn Walters reported that he had met with Dan Pearson and Jonah Kendall to discuss revival of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

**Senior Warden's Report** Bob Walker presented a request from a member of the parish for the Vestry to endorse the "Demilitarize Durham 2 Palestine" campaign. The Vestry did not act to endorse the campaign. The request as presented did not indicate support from than one person in the congregation, nor was it clear whether or not the campaign was well aligned with the Episcopal Church. Bob will discuss further with the person who made the request.

**Rector's Report** (See Dropbox) Jonah Kendall presented his report, which required no action.

**Dismissal and Adjournment** Jonah and Sally reviewed pastoral concerns and offered a closing prayer. The rector adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.