

# EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AUGUST 20, 2019, VESTRY MINUTES

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**Date:** August 20, 2019    **Time Started:** 5:05 pm    **Time Ended:** 7:10 pm

**Next Regular Meeting:** 5:00pm, Thursday, **September 12**, 2019. Vestry reports due by **Saturday, September 7**.

**Members Present:** Jim Woodruff, Junior Warden; Debra Alexander Loraine Hilty; Cristi Johnson; Mary Maupin; Adam Reda; Michael Smith; Mary Jo Sparrow; Donna Turnbaugh;

**Members Absent:** Barbara Moloney, Senior Warden

**Other Attendees:** David McNair, Rector; Bill Sewell, Treasurer; Lorrie Cooper, Clerk; Ty Jones, Deacon

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## DISCUSSION/FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS

**AGENDA ITEM: Welcome, Opening Prayer** *(David McNair)*

David began by thanking the Vestry for all they do. "You are an inspiring bunch of people —it doesn't get said enough!"

**AGENDA ITEM: Vestry Minutes Approval: May 7 and June 18** *(Clerk, Lorrie Cooper)*

**AGENDA ITEM: Review of June and July Financial Reports** *(Bill Sewell)*

Reports are attached. Pledge receipts through July are at 61% of budget. Open offering receipts are at 45.5% of budget. Total receipts YTD are \$3,715 over budget. Total operating expenses are \$529.46 below budget. The Motalvo fund for the benefit of *Fieles a Jesus* was funded in early August. The Finance Committee will discuss this fund at their meeting on September 5. *[Total amount is over \$170,000. This needs to be clarified. —Clerk]* The procedure for getting the money to the church in Cuba requires multiple carriers of small sums. Their plan is to invest the money for eventual use in their food ministry, particularly to elderly recipients. Recoverable sales tax paid in this first half of the year totaling \$416.05 was received in early August. Lake Logan was paid in early August for the September Women's Retreat, which includes the \$1,335 deposit paid earlier in the year.

May 7 minutes in Draft 6 were approved as Final. June 18 minutes were approved. Both sets will be posted on the website with a link from Mountain Spirit.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Finance Committee Update** *(Bill Sewell)*

Still working on the budget for next year. Challenges include donors who have moved away. Will get requests out for anticipated expenses in the coming year.

**AGENDA ITEM: Jr. Warden's Report** *(Jim Woodruff)*

1. The AC unit in storage room next to the Sanctuary has been working efficiently and without water-on-floor incident.
2. I donated my dehumidifier to the storage room to keep humidity at 65%. Moisture at back wall where it meets the concrete floor has made it damp. Question for Vestry, Martie and/or Bill Sewell: every new device is likely to increase the electric utility bill. Is that acceptable only if bill does not increase too much?
  - 2a. A request to Vestry Reps: every Sunday after the service they should add to their responsibility checking the storage room for water on the floor, as well as emptying the dehumidifier. I will empty it each time I am at the building.
3. I suggest we arrange a scheduled service contract with Austin AC and heating semiannually or annually.
4. Tom Panek asked for clarification from the Vestry about how he may direct congregation to allow him to pick the peach tree fruit when ripe and so make available to sharing. He placed ripe fruit out before the Sunday August 18 service. He also placed a motion-sensor water spray to coax deer away from the tree.
5. The icemaker has been removed and will be disposed. Are there suggestions about who might pursue a replacement? I have researched and the under counter icemaker appears not to be manufactured.
6. I made a list of objects in the piano room and hope to pass it out on Tuesday. We need to prevent this room becoming an undue cluttered and storage space.
7. The two gutter downspouts to the left of upper entrance: with heavy rains they back up at the ground connection level, spill out and pool under rhododendrons, foundation of building, and outside the piano room door. I am uncertain if this has been going on for years.
8. Carpet cleaning is needed. Spots are showing in the sanctuary. The nursery is very stained. I will talk to Peggy Wilson because she had been helpful in getting the former carpet cleaned. Can anyone else offer insight on this?
9. The fire extinguisher recharging is overdue. I will inquire at Mars Hill Fire Department.
10. Tom Panek intends to patch the small sinkhole located where one turns in the driveway to go to the upper entrance of the building.

Back Room: there is a buildup of misc. items, which David wants removed. Asks for a plan to get it out.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Rector's Report** *(David McNair)*

**1. Pastoral Care issues:**

- \* Jerome Moriarty was released from Mission Hospital Sunday after about ten days in Mission Hospital Cardiac ICU. He discovered (to his surprise) that he was experiencing heart failure. Fortunately, he received treatment before much permanent damage was done to his heart. He underwent a procedure to insert a heart pacemaker/regulator under his skin. He will be receiving Heart Rehab in the coming weeks.
- \* Cal Wilson continues to reside at Aston Park Health Care Center in Asheville. He has difficulty communicating and is often confused. He is most alert in the morning.
- \* Lucas Yeakley is living in a residential support program for adolescents. This has been a difficult time for him and his family, so we want to continue to support Lucas, Morgen, Matt and Quinn and hold them in our prayers.

**2. Visitors to ECHS** since our last Vestry meeting:

- Chris Breitling, 500 Robert Wilson, Marshall 28753
- Charlie and Elizabeth (Charlie II, William, Eleanor) Kinsley, 171 Graham Road, Marshall 28753
- Mary Blue and John Ster, 1701 Selva Marina Drive, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233
- Happy McLeod, PO Box 1226, Burnsville NC 28714
- Brenda and Ed Pagan, 801 Hickory Drive, Mars Hill 28754.

**3. Black Jesus Book Group** will meet next on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing "*When They Call You a Terrorist, A Black Lives Matter Memoir*" by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele.

**4.** This past Sunday was **Ty Jones' first day** with us as our deacon. Please make a special effort to welcome him! His wife Carol has recently begun serving as the interim priest at St. James Episcopal, Hendersonville.

**5. Anti-Racism and Sanctuary Training** sponsored by the Faith Communities Organizing for Sanctuary and CIMA (*Companeros Immigrantes de las Montanas en Accion*), Friday, September 13, 2019, 9:30 am - 4 pm, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Asheville. Registration: \$35 - \$65 sliding scale. Price includes lunch. More info and registration: EventBrite link for registering: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/anti-racism-sanctuary-training-tickets-69031736783>

**6. Teresa Sumpter** will be playing a Piano Concert at MHU Chapel on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 3p.m. Please attend, treat yourself to beautiful music and show support and appreciation for Teresa!

**7. Enneagram Workshop**, Saturday, September 21, 2019, 9 am – 1 pm at ECHS. Workshop leader is Sandra Smith who is a certified Enneagram Consultant, Teacher and Spiritual Companion. The Enneagram brings to consciousness "why we do what we do."

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While other personality systems describe and work with behaviors, only the Enneagram goes beneath behavior to the driving motivation. It identifies each type's basic first placement of attention and its resulting blind spot. This awareness opens deep possibility for change as well as broadened perspective. For more info: [AlchemyWorksEvents.com](http://AlchemyWorksEvents.com)

**8. Our Episcopal Diocesan Convention** is scheduled for Nov. 8-9, 2019, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Asheville. Our Vestry needs to elect two convention delegates. It is optional to have one other person attend as our Delegate alternate. There is a Diocesan Pre-Convention "Road Show" with Bishop Jose and other key diocesan leaders on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Trinity Episcopal, Asheville, 6-8 p.m. in which the 2020 diocesan budget convention resolutions will be presented/discussed. All are invited.

**9. Preparation for special Vestry meeting** on Saturday, August 24, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at ECHS. **Please arrive by 9:15 a.m.** We will be working with "The Discernment Group" and they have requested that we articulate in no more than one or two sentences the issue to which we need to attend as a Vestry and as a congregation.

See right column for the preparation activity.

What is the question we need to address on Saturday?

Possibilities: How can we continue to grow? How can we resolve the recent conflict re sanctuary: what would resolution look like? How do we dream and have visions together as a church community?

What is our dream? How do we get back to trust, rebuild the trust needed to mend the church?

Possible sentence to use for Saturday meeting: **How can we as Christians deal with conflict in a loving way? How can we forgive, rebuild trust, and heal?**

**AGENDA ITEM: Old Business**

—Active Shooter Safety Plan (to be considered at September meeting)

**AGENDA ITEM: New Business**

—Property team requested to develop ECHS storage plan

—Special Vestry Meeting: This Saturday August 24, 9:15am

— Plan for keeping the church safe from an active shooter. Need a plan specifically suited to our church.

In preparation for the special Vestry meeting Sat., Aug. 24:  
Focus on what the issue is in our church that most needs attention. David asked Vestry to consider three questions:  
1. What about ECHS are you grateful for?  
2. What are your greatest concerns for our church?  
3. What would greater health and wellness look like in our church?

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- Reminding people in congregation who have Sunday ministries.  
**Agenda item for next Vestry meeting: make a plan to deal with the ministry matter.**

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Next regular Vestry Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 12, 2019, beginning at 5:00pm.**  
Reports are due by midnight **Saturday, September 7, 2019.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorrie Cooper, Clerk