

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

JUNE 15, 2021, VESTRY MINUTES

Action/Date Due
for Review/
Assigned To

Date: June 15, 2021 **Time Started:** 5:40 pm **Time Ended:** 6:50 pm

Next Meeting: July 20, 2021, 5:30pm.

Members Present: Kathleen Phillips, Senior Warden; Peggy Wilson, Junior Warden; Debra Alexander; Dick Jordan; Pam McNally; Mary Maupin; Barbara Schauer

Members Absent: Nancy Larkin; Loraine Hilty; Mark Holland

Other Attendees: David McNair, Rector; Bill Sewell, Treasurer; Lorrie Cooper, Clerk

DISCUSSION/FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS

Call to Order, Prayer or Reading *(David McNair)*

AGENDA ITEM: Vestry Minutes Approval: May 18, 2021 *(Clerk, Lorrie Cooper)*

AGENDA ITEM: Financial Report *(Bill Sewell)*

[Bill will add a summary statement at a future time.]

AGENDA ITEM: Jr. Warden's Report *(Peggy Wilson)*

A schedule of summer lawn mowing and memorial garden maintenance is in place. Only two persons signed up for weed eating, and after a month-long appeal in *Weekly Spirit*, there's still only two. It may be necessary to hire out the job in July and August. The property committee worked out plans for correcting the erosion along the creek banks and will submit a plan to the Vestry once all related cost quotes have been received.

Jim and Carol Woodruff purchased and installed a trail marker at the entrance to the walking trail off the upper parking lot. The trail was improved by Jim, Roger, and Ty, and it's now a loop. Another parish workday will be scheduled in July to clean the exterior walls and paint the back exterior doors. Holy Spirit is on schedule with Austin H/AC for late summer/fall maintenance. Work was completed around each H/AC unit which will eliminate the need for weed eating around the units.

Minutes from the
May 18 meeting
were
unanimously
approved.

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A small flowerbed at the back of the church was edged with rock by Ty Jones.

AGENDA ITEM: **Sr. Warden's Report** (*Kathleen Phillips*)
No report from the Sr. Warden.

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

1. Pastoral Care issues:

The family of Kathleen Phillips – after the tragic death of 15-year-old Ryan Gard (Kathleen's brother's grandson). Ryan's immediate family lives in California.

John Van Voorhis – had hip replacement surgery on June 3. He reported that the surgery went very smoothly, and that he is feeling "1000 times better" with his new hip and plans to cut his grass on a riding lawn mower next week.

Phyllis Sumner – Dear friend of Lorrie Cooper who recently received a CAT scan report showing that the cancer in her body is confined only to one organ, and the outlook is very good. She is scheduled to have the cancer surgically removed. Her doctors expect her to be able to return home within a day or two after surgery. Phyllis is planning to move to Madison County in September.

Happy news:

Mark Holland and Ingrid Dierderin welcomed their first grandchild, Laurel, born approximately two weeks ago.

Also, **Maura (Maloney) Rooney** gave birth to Emmett William Rooney on May 2, 2021, weighing 6 lbs., 14.9 oz. and 20 inches in size.

2. It is with great delight and gratitude that we welcome Kathleen Phillips as our new Senior Warden, who offered to fulfill the term through January, 2022, which was vacated by Lynda Miller.

3. The following recommended ECHS guidelines for ECHS meetings/gatherings are based on the most recent CDC, North Carolina State and Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina COVID-19 safety guidelines ([May 24, 2021 Regathering Guidelines](#)). These are the recommendation to the Vestry from the ECHS Re-gathering Committee:

A. In our commitment to decrease viral spread of COVID-19, unvaccinated individuals are required to wear masks inside the ECHS building and strongly encouraged to wear masks outside the ECHS building.

Unanimous approval of recommendations by the Re-Gathering Committee.

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- B.** Individuals are required to wear masks for in-person meetings/gatherings at ECHS while INSIDE the building *unless* it is determined that all individuals who are attending a meeting/gathering at ECHS are fully vaccinated. If it's the case that all individuals attending a meeting/gathering are fully vaccinated, then mask-wearing is optional. If it is not determined that all individuals attending a meeting/gathering inside ECHS are fully vaccinated, then mask-wearing is required by ALL in attendance.
- C.** Mask-wearing is NOT required of individuals/groups at OUTDOOR ECHS meetings/gatherings.
- D.** Resume Coffee Hour following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service beginning ASAP. The Coffee Hour refreshments will be served outside under the canopy/tent. Volunteers who prepare Coffee Hour are encouraged to Keep It Simple! It is recommended that refreshments consist of water, a beverage (such as lemonade), and cookies.
- 4.** Review of contracts between ECHS and Rev. Jennie Lou Reid and Rev. Carol Jablonski/Rev. Dn. Ty Jones while I am away on sabbatical July 21 – Oct. 19, 2021. Discuss role of Vestry while I am on sabbatical, along with other pertinent concerns and questions.
- 5.** Please continue to stay in contact with those individuals on your Vestry call list and encourage them to re-engage in our ECHS life and ministry. Stay abreast of any concerns/needs they may have related to the changes in our ECHS Covid-19 guidelines, etc., and building use guidelines.
- 6.** We give thanks that O.C. Edwards is scheduled to preach at EHCS on Sunday, July 11. This will be the first time he has preached at ECHS since he began receiving hospice care.
- 7.** The ECHS Black Jesus book group is scheduled to meet Wednesday, June 23, 4:00 p.m. at ECHS to review our work over the past three years and consider our plans going forward related to our efforts to address/confront racism and white supremacy and the centering/reading of black authors. Susan Sherard, Mark Holland, and David McNair are the current leaders of the ECHS Black Jesus Book Group. Our book selection for September 2021 is ***Long Time Coming, Reckoning with Race in America*** by Michael Eric Dyson. Books are available in the hallway at church: \$15/book
- 8.** Recommendation approved by the Vestry via email on June 7, 2021: Vestry authorizes the expenditure of money from the PPP Fund to purchase the "Classic Ez Pop up Canopy Tent" for \$469.95 from Amazon. The tent is scheduled for delivery within one or two weeks.
- 9.** FYI: I will be serving as a Camp Henry chaplain July 4–9 (grades 6-8 camp). I plan to preside at the Sunday services at ECHS on July 4 and 11.

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10. Volunteers are needed to assist with the reception following the Celebration of Life service for Cal Wilson on July 3 at 11a.m. Also, food for this reception is needed. Please contact Ann Shiver if you are able to help.

AGENDA ITEM: New Business

There was a thorough discussion of whether adding a HEPA filtration system would be beneficial during the hot and pollen-laden-air months. The conclusion was that besides being expensive, the same protection from pollen might be achieved effectively by simply wearing a mask. It was pointed out that using a Hepa filter in the AC system might be detrimental to the air conditioner. Also suggested for cooling the sanctuary during the summer was a cross ventilation plan: two windows and the door would be opened along with the AC running. A trial could explore whether the sanctuary stays cooler this way without a large increase in electric bill.

Decision made
NOT to invest in a
special filtration
system.

AGENDA ITEM: Next Vestry Meeting Date

Next meeting: July 20, 2021, 5:30pm. It is planned to be a quick meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorrie Cooper, Clerk

At the request of David McNair, this action by the Vestry is noted:

On June 1, 2021, the Vestry voted unanimously (via email) to authorize the following as signers of the Church of the Holy Spirit checking accounts at First Bank:

Account 070300414:

William Sewell, Treasurer
Peggy Wilson, Junior Warden
David McNair, Rector
Mark Holland, Vestry Representative
Pamela McNally, Vestry Representative:

Rector's Discretionary Fund 070007953:

William Sewell, Treasurer
David McNair, Rector
Susan Sherard, Rector's Representative