

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT JUNE 18, 2019, VESTRY MINUTES

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Date: June 18, 2019 **Time Started:** 5:00pm **Time Ended:** 7:30 pm

Next Regular Meeting: 5:00pm, Tuesday, **August 20**, 2019. (No Meeting in July.) Vestry reports due by **Saturday, August 16**, 2019.

Members Present: Barbara Moloney, Senior Warden; Jim Woodruff, Junior Warden; Debra Alexander; Loraine Hilty; Mary Maupin; Mary Jo Sparrow; Donna Turnbaugh

Members Absent: Cristi Johnson; Adam Reda; Michael Smith

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

DISCUSSION/FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS

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

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of April, May, and May Special Meeting Minutes *(Clerk, Lorrie Cooper)*
May 7 Special Report: should "What Have We Learned?" list not be published because of negativity towards the committee's work? Suggestion is that a more positive wording is possible. Not accurate description because it is more an expression or sharing. Individual Vestry members shared the following statements in response to the question of "What Have We Learned?" Vestry Clerk will work on phrasing of the statements and create a Draft 6.

AGENDA ITEM: Review of May Financial Reports *(Bill Sewell)*

"Attached *[to the email]* are reports that will be reviewed in Tuesday's meeting. I have also attached a copy of the letter from Sharon Gillespie of Young, Miller and Gillespie, P.A., the auditors that reviewed our 2018 financial records, and a memo or response to issues raised in that letter." Recommendation from Sharon: credit cards should be reviewed carefully and used sparingly. Audit to be given to Diocese by the end of August.

April: Approved as stated in Draft 3
May 7 Special: Needs more work on "What We Have Learned" statements and reviewed at August Meeting
May Regular: Approved

Auditor's report is approved.

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

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the audit by the Vestry. The Finance Committee is also recommending approval by the Vestry of a Financial Assistance Fund. Details will be presented at the June meeting. Loans to be provided to church members in good standing for an emergency need. Loans secured by a promissory note. (See separate document with details.) Money will be raised by an appeal to the congregation via email for contributions to be given over and above regular pledges. A three-person committee will decide the details of the loan along with the time frame for repayment. Vestry was encouraged to communicate in writing specific concerns to the Finance Committee.

Financial Assistance Fund was approved.

Update Re Cuba: Dealt with by Finance Committee. Money left in an estate was designated for our sister church in Cuba. Request was made by that ECHS be a custodian of the money until it could be transferred directly to that church by personal delivery. Money is currently in probate. Work is now happening to get the money moved to Cuba.

AGENDA ITEM: Piano Update *(Debra Alexander)*

People donating money to help tune the second piano for the choir by having people symbolically “buy” a specific key on the piano keyboard. The keyboard fundraising plan will be featured in the August issue of Mountain Spirit.

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

May 25: Church of the Advocate/Asheville sent two men and three women from the “Good Working Crew” along with a driver. They worked with us from 9:00am-2:00pm. Ten ECHS members provided refreshments and lunch (pot luck and grocery purchased) and the outdoor labor projects. A landscape fabric and granite fines path from the church concrete deck to the Memorial Garden was completed. Ed cut turf with rental equipment. We shaped it further and constructed a raised area as per the approved landscape plan which had been developed in last couple of years. Cardboard was nailed to hold it in place. Mulch from FBEMC which had been delivered free was placed on the cardboard and it all turned out well.

June 8: Returning were a new set of workers from the Church of the Advocate: two women, one man, and their driver, John Zeller. Our member John Derrick was not able to make it due to other obligations. Church members supplied lunch, as well as working outdoors putting down more cardboard and mulch, and planting several three-gallon plants: e.g. Hydrangeas, purchased at discounted level from Madison Library Native Garden.

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Extra potted plants were placed in a group behind the church and will be planted during the cooler months of autumn. They are set up for automatic watering. On a different topic, the icemaker needs one more attempt at either repair or replacement by a new one, or else there should be a continuation of stocking the freezer with bagged ice. It's preferable to buy a new one. I hope to have someone blade weed-eat the creek by the Tuesday, Aug. 20 Vestry meeting.

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

1. Pastoral Care issues:

- * Kathryn Graeter died early Sunday morning, June 16. A service celebrating her life will be held at ECHS sometime later in July. Details TBA.
- * Cal Wilson is now a resident at Aston Park Health Care Center in Asheville. Cal continues to struggle with confusion and communication.
- * Marnie Wilson is scheduled for a knee replacement June 21. This knee has already had one replacement. She has not yet decided where she will go to recuperate and for her PT.
- * Mike Robinson is recovering from back surgery several weeks ago, and he is doing very well. He says the pain reduction is dramatic. He is at home and is planning to return to work at MHU in August.
- * Michael Smith is recovering from a second bout of pneumonia (each bout was with a different lung). He plans to attend the Vestry meeting, and if so, he might give us an update in person. [He did not attend.]
- * Lucas Yeakley has been enrolled in a support program to assist him with personal struggles. Morgen and Matt have requested prayers for both him and their family.

2. Visitors to ECHS since our last Vestry meeting: Elizabeth and Matthew Pierze, 135 East Wilson Ave., Mooresville NC 28754; Alice Pavlik, 397 Hemlock Springs Tr., Weaverville NC 28787.

3. Black Jesus Book Group will meet next on Thursday, August 1 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. The first round of Second Breath will conclude this Wednesday, June 19. About 12-15 people have been participating. Second Breath is an outgrowth of the Servant Leadership School of Greensboro. Its mission is "to open our hearts to God's love and calling in an increasingly challenging world." Anyone interested may contact Susan Sherard for more info.

5. ECHS will recognize high school and college graduates at our 10:30 service on Sunday, June 23.

6. Safeguarding God's Children Training will be offered at ECHS on Sunday, June 23, following the 10:30 service.

Someone will take Marnie for her procedure on Friday. If the doctor permits her to come home after the procedure, she does have transportation as well as someone who will stay with her.

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This training is REQUIRED by the diocese of all Vestry members, as well as clergy, nursery workers, and volunteers who work regularly with youth and children. **Mark your calendars and plan to attend.**

7. FYI: I will be serving as the Camp Henry chaplain June 23 (evening) through 29 for the 7-9th grade session.

8. I will be taking a week of vacation July 7 – 14. Rev. Liz Canham will supply at the Sunday service in my absence. I will make arrangements for someone to cover Pastoral Care issues/concerns. Please contact Martie with any Pastoral issues/concerns.

9. There will be a consideration of proposal to work with Guy Sayles, Mark Ward, Mary Beth Gwynn, and Sandra Smith in a Vestry discernment/visioning using a model based on a Quaker Clearness Committee. This is a very gifted and experienced group of clergy/faith leaders who have developed a discernment model. Our Vestry would be their first trail run. Because the model is still in the experimental stage, no charge is required for their service.

Will pursue having a session with The Discernment Group.

AGENDA ITEM: Old Business

Continue follow up to discernment question: Where do we as a church go from here? Listening needs to happen, possibly with the use of an outside consultant who is familiar with church polity. Susan Smith who does Enneagram work may come and work with us. The Discernment Group wants to come and try out a model of Holy Listening they have developed based on a Quaker Clearness Committee model. Initially they could work with the Vestry either in August or September. The process takes an hour and a half. Interest was expressed by Vestry members in attendance. Possibly the process could be scheduled for a Saturday morning, as a time when most people would be available. Consideration of Vestry meeting minute posting. Link to Vestry Notes should be placed on the Home Page of ECHS Website.

Approved posting the Vestry minutes on the ECHS website with a link on the Home Page

AGENDA ITEM: New Business

Consideration of request to begin a Smart Recovery Group at ECHS on Thursdays, 5:00–6:30pm led by Michel Guicheney. Not a 12-step program, but deals with addiction. [Michel confirmed the 5:00-6:30 time.]

Approved use of ECHS facility for a Smart Recovery Group

Next regular Vestry Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 20, 2019, beginning at 5:00pm.**

(No meeting in July) Reports are due by midnight **Saturday, August 17, 2019.**

The Clerk asks that Vestry members submit their reports by midnight of the Saturday before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Cooper, Clerk