

# EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MAY 21, 2019, VESTRY MINUTES

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**Date:** May 21, 2019    **Time Started:** 4:10pm    **Time Ended:** 6:00pm

**Next Regular Meeting:** 5:00pm, Tuesday, **June 18**, 2019. Vestry reports due by **Saturday, June 15**, 2019.

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

**Members Absent:** Barbara Moloney, Senior Warden; Adam Reda; Michael Smith

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

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## DISCUSSION/FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS

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

**AGENDA ITEM: Approval of April and Special Meeting Minutes** (*Clerk, Lorrie Cooper*)

Approval of these minutes deferred to June meeting.

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

Attached are reports in advance of Tuesday's meeting.

—Receipts (Pledges \$72,000, Open Offering \$1,700 YTD) continued on track relative to prior year trends.

—Total Operating Expenses were \$1,700 over budget at \$65,900. Areas of concern are non-Rector staff expense and office supplies. Factors in staff expense include payments for funerals and other special services and seasonal music expenses. We continue to look for opportunities to reduce office supplies expenses.

—2018 finance records have been delivered to the auditor for review, and I expect to receive the report in one to two weeks for review by the Finance Committee.

**AGENDA ITEM: Piano Update** (*Debra Alexander*)

Kevin Jeter has agreed to do two tunings and raise the pitch on the second piano, which will be used by the choir for pre-service practice. Because this cost has not been budgeted for, it is necessary find a way to raise the money.

Clerk will resend April and May 7 minutes along with the first draft of May 21 minutes.

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Ideas include donations for specific keys (e.g., middle C) or in memory of a deceased person.  
Debra will write an article for a future issue of Mountain Spirit, month yet to be determined, in order to publicize the need.

Debra will write an article for Mtn Spirit re need for piano tuning money.

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

I cleaned the gutter downspout—four were blocked at the gutter. Tom Panek mentioned he had noticed the overflow during one of our rains.

Jr. Warden asks that maintenance needs be brought to his attention.

The odd situation of the hallway lighting between the youth room and piano room needs the attention of an electrician. I believe one looked at it previously but was unable to resolve the problem in order to guarantee the lighting in the hallway. I will ask Martie to supply phone contacts for electricians, plumbers, appliance repair, etc., that we have used before.

The Property Committee has almost completed improvements to the left and right sides of the entrance stairs with stone retaining beds, mulch, and plants. Several people worked together to add cardboard and mulch beyond the stairs to the right.

Tom says that the Property Committee along with the Memorial Garden Committee will discuss their accomplishments and whether they are on course with the plans. The Memorial Garden folks will be digging out the path to the gardens. The finished surface will be granite filings as planned and will compact to a firm surface. I am attempting to keep the driveway and its edges clean. Mowing and Trimming by committee members is being done well.

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

**1. Pastoral Care issues:**

- \* Cal Wilson is now a resident at Ashton Park Health Care Center in Asheville. He continues to receive physical therapy. He continues to be confused often and his balance is unsteady. Marnie is finding ways to give herself breaks from visiting every day. Visitors are welcomed and encouraged.
- \* Kathryn Graeter has begun receiving in-home hospice care. The pain has continued to increase, and the hope is that hospice will be able to manage the pain. Visits are welcome, but it is important that they be prearranged.

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- \* The celebration of life service for Jennifer Reda's father, Joseph Beach Hord, Jr., was Monday, May 20, at Holy Trinity Episcopal, Greensboro.
- \* Kathryn Macoy is mostly bedbound, but she remains in good spirits. Visitors are welcome.
- \* Lucas Yeakley has been enrolled in a support program to assist him as he has been struggling personally. Morgen and Matt have requested prayers for 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 not meet in June or July. Our next gathering will be Thursday, August 1, at 6:30pm. We will be discussing *"When They Call You a Terrorist, A Black Lives Matter Memoir"* by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele.
- 4. The Episcopal Diocese of WNC** recently received a grant in support of Hispanic Ministry and Eden Lewis (the Diocesan Missioner for Youth and Young Adults) is working with Rebecca Sharp to offer a Children's Vacation Bible School-type program two days a week for the children and youth of participants in La Esperanza. The Bible School will occur in conjunction with Zumba and English classes.
- 5. Second Breath** continues to meet every Wednesday through June 12. About 12-15 people are participating. Second Breath is an outgrowth of the Servant Leadership School of Greensboro. Its mission is this: *"To open our hearts to God's love and calling in an increasingly challenging world."* Anyone interested may contact Susan Sherard for more info.
- 6. Our youth** did a wonderful job with the liturgy for Youth Sunday, May 19. Thanks to our young people, their parents, and to Cristi Johnson and Justin Reilly who helped plan and coordinate the service!
- 7. Our ECHS Pentecost service and picnic** will be held on June 9 at French Broad Crossing at 10:30pm. Potluck signup in the cubby.
- 8. Faith Communities Organizing for Sanctuary** meeting, Tuesday, June 11 at 6 p.m. at Land of the Sky UCC. This is the monthly gathering of leaders representing Sanctuary and Sanctuary Host Support Faith Communities in Western NC. Currently I am the only person from ECHS. We are in need of one person from ECHS to represent us at these meetings.
- 8. The Diocesan Cold Mountain Music Festival** will be held at Lake Logan Episcopal Conference Center, May 31-June 2. Attendance is encouraged.
- 9. ECHS will recognize** high school and college graduates at our 10:30 service on Sunday, June 16.

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**10. Safeguarding God's Children Training** will be offered at ECHS on Sunday, June 23 following the 10:30 service. *This training is REQUIRED by the diocese of all Vestry members*, clergy, nursery workers, and volunteers who work regularly with youth and children. **Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.**

**AGENDA ITEM: "Where Do We Go From Here?"**

David wants it clarified that we are no longer considering becoming a host church. It's not necessary to discuss the sanctuary matter anymore. We will remain a support church, but we need to clarify what being a support church means.

Mary Maupin and Mary Jo Sparrow will write an explanation of support church.

**AGENDA ITEM: Old/New Business**

The question was asked about the size of the ECHS Vestry. The Vestry is short one member due to Dudley Cate's spot never being filled. It's only a six-month unexpired term. Should it be filled now, or should we wait until January to fill that spot? asks David.

Vestry members present voted to wait until January to fill the vacant spot on the Vestry.

Vestry liaisons need to identify themselves to the committees. If a committee hasn't met, a meeting should happen.

How can the Vestry interact more meaningfully with the congregation? Vestry can be visibly present at a post-service coffee time once a month specifically to listen to questions or feedback from the congregation. Vestry can practice nonjudgmental listening by listening to one another explain their own views about sanctuary hosting.

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Next regular Vestry Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 18, 2018, beginning at 5:00pm.**  
Reports are due by midnight **Saturday, June 15, 2019.**

***The Clerk asks that Vestry members submit their reports no later than midnight of the Saturday before the meeting.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorrie Cooper, Clerk