

# **Vestry Meeting, Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Myrtle Beach**

**Monday, April 18, 2016**

**Present were:** Beth Ault, Jamie Colway, Randy Ferebee, David Hardin, Mary & Bob Lauer, John Manley, Rick Stall

## **Financial Report**

Skip sent the financial report. All bills have been paid. There is a balance of \$65,000.

## **Insurance**

Randy has been in contact with church insurance companies.

## **Sunshine**

Bobbie has agreed to lead our sunshine effort. She needs to alert Randy if someone wants communion. Mary Lauer asked what the job description is for the sunshine committee. Randy said he would ask Bobbie what she foresees the description to be. All members need to be alert to the needs of our congregation.

## **Lucia Lloyd**

She is visiting coastal South Carolina churches that have lost their congregations. She's investigating the issues of change, how do we deal with change & come through it in a healthy way.

If we should win the lawsuit, going back to the building should not be to reclaim what we lost but we should be taking back with us what we love. We should bring with us the good things we have found.

Randy stated that we should be thinking about future needs such as; office space, child care, larger worship space.

### **Episcopal Service Corp ESC**

Rob researched community needs when he was with us last summer. There is a possibility of city grant money. The 1<sup>st</sup> year someone like Rob would do the legwork, getting it all together. It was suggested that we invite someone who is currently doing this to come and speak to us.

### **New monasticism**

These are groups of young people living together, 20 somethings. They have part time jobs and in their additional time they work on community projects like human trafficking. Another possibility is to use this program as an opportunity to get a full time priest. Mary Lauer asked if there are other grants available. We discussed the need for seed money to bring in an ESC graduate to speak to us & to obtain a developer. It would be desirable to establish a stipend for a seminarian who will graduate next May & possibly be available to us in February. We need to continue to think of needs for seed money. Some possibilities are: travel expenses, rent for an apartment, sound equipment, a grant writer, wireless Internet service, basic office equipment.

Randy reminded us that Rob's ordination is May14,2016 at 11:00 AM in Grace Church in Charleston.