

## **Vestry Meeting**

**Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Myrtle Beach, SC**

**Sunday, October 18, 2015**

**Present were:** Randy Ferebee, Beth Ault, Gay Cooke, David Hardin, Rick Stall, Veanna Talbot

Randy reminded us that convention is in the near future. We can register online. It will be held at Holy Cross Faith Memorial in Pawleys Island.

Randy expressed his concern that we need to communicate with him and with each other so that we have full membership at Vestry Meetings. We need to encourage those who've been unable to attend as we miss their input and their voices need to be heard. We need to dedicate ourselves to paying attention to our emails. We are a body and we depend on each other. We need to make collegial decisions together. The following members will communicate with those who are unable to attend today: Beth Ault - Mary Lauer, Gay Cooke - John Manley, David Hardin - Keith Bowling.

(The Vestry then discussed the implications for Messiah should our diocese win the lawsuit.)

On the purchase of 4808 North Kings Highway: We hope to get half funding for our purchase from the diocese. There is a church building fund that gives loans up to a million dollars. closing costs are free. It would be desirable to pay off the loan in 15 years.

Kendall Stephens is an architectural graduate student at Clemson who is interested in working with us. George Mims will provide her with the

dimensions of the building. She will get an image of what is important to us.

1. Exude welcome from the outside
2. Exude the beauty of holiness
3. Fellowship space

We need living space for fellowship interns and Ms Stephens felt that space could be converted to living quarters and for ESC.

February is the time for our annual meeting. Randy proposed we hold it at the end of this calendar year. He also proposed that we extend the terms that expire this year. He also thought we should expand our leadership council.

Rick read the draft version of our mission statement and vision statement. They are intentionally inclusive and we are called to love and serve.

It was consensus of the vestry that we accept the mission statement and the vision statement. It is open to modification as we evolve to who we are.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Elizabeth Ault