

Vestry Meeting, September 26, 2016

Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Myrtle Beach, SC

Present were: Beth Ault, Janie Colway, Gay Cooke, Randy Ferebee, David Hardin, Charles Jordon, Mary Lauer, John Manley, Rick Stall, Sharon & Skip Williams

Fellowship Events

Nan Hunter has offered to hold a social event in her home in **September** or **October**.

November we could hold a catered lunch or a soup & salad. The Mims have offered their home for a social event in **December**.

Christmas Eve is our service while the Lutherans hold their Christmas worship on **Christmas Day**. **January** Randy & Judy would like to hold an winter social in January. **February 28th** is Shrove Tuesday. A pancake supper would be appropriate. We should check with the Methodists to see if their space is available. Our bishop will be with us on **Easter Sunday**.

Vestry Responsibilities

Mary - Sunshine, liaison with Bobbie Lawson

David - Alter Guild

Beth - Clerk, Secretary

John - Hospitality & Jr Warden

Jamie - Newcomers, liaison with Tim Arthurs

Rick - Sr Warden & Music Ministry

Gay - Schedule Sunday readers

Financial Report

Skip emailed this month's report to vestry members. Our balance today is \$66,524. Skip will send out pledge reminders to church members. Our expenses are on track with our budget.

Special Convention Report

The special convention was brief as its' purpose was to nominate & affirm the new bishop. The choral Eucharist was outstanding. This new bishop appears to be very 21st century savvy

Every Member Committee

Charlie Jordon has agreed to chair this committee. The Senior Warden will send out a letter in early October & Charlie will send a follow up letter at a later date.

ECW & Brotherhood of St Andrew

There seems to be diminishing interest in both groups. The ECW was an organization for women when the vestry was composed of men only. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew was a worship group. The ECW was a very active group 30 years ago. Mary suggested we form a group consisting of men & women. Randy suggested we listen, talk & share what members of the congregation are interested in.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is November 20th. We need to elect 2 members of the vestry. Jamie & Mary's terms expire this year. It is up to the 2 wardens to appoint 2 members. They may ask Jamie & Mary if they wish to serve again. They will bring the slate of 2 people to the congregation. Members of the congregation may present nominations from the floor. It was suggested that we make this a Thankful Sunday & bring food for the food bank. It was also suggested it was better to have our donation of food on one day rather than over a period of weeks due to the issues of lack of storage.

Charlie Jordon's training to become a vocational deacon.

Charlie explained his training. It was observed that our new bishop is coming in with a "blank slate". Therefore he does not have any preconceived ideas of training, "the way they did it in NY State" where

he is from. Randy explained that the vocational deacon is a bridge builder between the church & the world. The ordained deacon offers continuity when a new vicar is appointed. A deacon can't celebrate Holy Communion but can distribute communion.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Elizabeth Ault