

**All Saints-by-the Sea Episcopal Church**  
Santa Barbara, CA  
**Minutes of the April Vestry Meeting**  
April 12th, 2016

**Present:** Allen, Carins, Davidson, DiTirro, Evans, Hawes, McFadden, Mack, Melville, Messerlian, Schaible, Sigler, Swift, Telleen-Lawton, Reeder, Watson

**Clergy and Staff:** A. Eyer-Delevett, V. Mouradian and K. Winters

**Opening Prayer**  
**Formation \*\*John 21:15-19 Reflection/Meaning\*\***

Sally Messerlian was first to read the passage. The question asked, "What words stand out in your mind?"

David Telleen-Lawton was the second to read the passage. The question asked, "As a leader" what stands out in your mind?"

Michael Swift was the third to read the passage. The question asked, "Listen to how God is calling us as a leader or a person of this parish and your reflection."

**Minutes of March Vestry Meeting:** The correction from electric to electronic in the Contractor's vote was noted and corrected. Tom Mack brought a motion to pass the Minutes and David Telleen-Lawton seconded the motion. The minutes for the March Meeting; Approved.

**Financial/Treasure's Report:** Fred Allen reported that the budget came in under \$7000.00.

He stated that he was uncomfortable with the income levels from the first three months \$48,000.00 last year from the month of March being \$32,000.00 in pledge payments this year.

Budget and Finance are working on a posting of Budget-vs-Accuracy.

The chair called to accept the Financial Report. The Report was passed.

**Approval of Clergy Housing Allowance:** This is the amount that the clergy can write off for Household Expenses of their fair market Value on their taxes per year.

Aimee requested \$5000.00 a year.

A motion to move to accept the amount was brought by Sally Messerlian and seconded by Tom Mack. Motion approved.

Vicki requested \$35,000.00 a year. A motion to move to accept the amount was brought by Tom Mack and seconded by Sally Messerlian. Motion approved.

**Bell Tower Contractor's Contract:** Tom Mack reviewed the Bell Tower Contract.  
(See Attached)

A Motion to approve the resolution of \$499,715.00 was moved by Stephen Schaible and seconded by Sally Messerlian. The resolution was approved.

**Discussion**  
**Annual Meeting Takeaway**

- \*Positive Energy was the feeling of the meeting.
- \*Coming up with a five year plan to balance the budget. Noting the consistency of the last few years of giving is consistent.
- \*The eye-opening of the available bank funds in our account of \$572,000.00
- \*The two huge problems of lay Ministries and the deficit of the budget.
- \*Continue to use our resources in the church. Through volunteers, making them feel like this is a home and using their talents to benefit the church.
- \*One step at a time with the youth ministries, being careful with asking people for monies during the Capital Campaign for the Youth Minister.

**Information:**

**Coffee Hour Sign-up** sheet was passed. Noting, that Vestry members are responsible for Coffee Hour the second Sunday of the month. A reminder will be sent out to the volunteers the Thursday before the date of their proper Sundays.

**Capital Campaign Update:** Raye Melville gave her report of the positive light of the Campaign and the total amount of \$7,990,000.00 has been given or promised to date. Special Gifts Committee of pledges totaling \$189,000.00.  
A special matching donation of any pledge's up to \$500,000.00 until July 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.  
Aimee asked to reflect on the Campaign and on the Vestry's pledges.

**Closing Prayer:** Doug Davidson  
Michael Swift will lead us in pray for next month.

**Please Note:** All up-coming important dates and reminders are as shown on the Agenda.  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm

Respectfully submitted, by Charlotte DiTirro