

St. Simon's Vestry Minutes for September 20th, 2023

1. **Establish attendance and quorum:**

Bob, Moe, Trace, Liz, Kristin, Carla, Matt and Father David were present. Elizabeth and Steve were absent.

Father David opened the meeting at 7:12 P.M.

2. **Opening prayer by Father David**

3. **Consent Agenda-minutes and financials**

Liz motioned to approve the financials, Matt seconded.

4. **Committee Reports**

- a. Admin (Liz)-None
- b. Task Force updates and Property (Matt)- None
- c. Ministries (Carla and Kristin)

1. **Happening, a Youth Weekend Retreat** that we hosted was held September 8-10. Many people helped make it a huge success. Way to go Kristin and team!
2. **Sew Love**, a local non-profit group who sews dresses, tops, tote bags, and washable feminine products for children around the world in need, moved in the week of September 11 and officially opens to the public on September 19th. They are in the 1st 2 rooms upstairs to the left of the elevator.
3. October 8th, at the 11:30 service, we will have the **Blessing of the Animals**.
4. On October 13, we will host an **Italian Gala Night** to benefit the Blessing Bag project. Evening festivities include music by the Sheppards and Friends, delicious Italian food, a wine bar, silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle.

5. **Community Organization Presentations** will kick-off at the Sunday Forum on October 22nd, with a presentation offered by staff from A Bed for Me. They are a non-profit organization providing beds for children who would otherwise be sleeping on the floor or inadequate spaces.

5. **Old Business:**

- a. Rector's sabbatical...on hold due to the fact that Fr. David is still pondering it. He may do a month in January and possibly 2 more at a later time.

6. **New Business**

- a. Annual Meeting date: We won't need to change the date of the Annual Meeting anymore. January 14th is Fr. David's suggested date, to coincide with 1 service, food, etc.
- b. Nomination committee: Kristin, Elizabeth and Liz are rolling off, therefore, they are the nominating committee. Bob is the Chair of this. We need 3 new folks to fill the spots being vacated.

7. **Rector's comments: None**

8. **Vestry comments:** November 12th is Stewardship Sunday.

9. **Closing Prayer by:** Fr. David

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Carla, 10-9-23