

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

28 April 2015

Final, Approved as Written on 5.26.15

In Attendance: Todd Balfourt, John Funston, Sally Hastings, Lenore Hubbard, Al Krueger, Pam Lanier, Jim Menendez, Tom Morris, Nick Pasken, Peter Pignataro, Sue Riddell, Harriet Stone, Father Todd, Father Steve, Father Ian, Melissa Lewis, Trina Perna

Absent: Charlie Lippincott and David Earle

Opening Reflections and Prayer, Fr. Todd: Acts 11:19, The Church in Antioch – Roman persecution in Jerusalem begins and has unintended consequences. Disciples begin spreading the word of Jesus Christ outside the intimate circle of Jews and Jerusalem, including non-Jews (Greeks) – using Greek instead of Aramaic. With the help of Barnabas (possibly the first missionary) and Saul, a strong new church begins in Antioch. This church eventually sends aid back to Judea.

When considering what can be taken from this passage, the Vestry noted (1) Sometimes it takes a trouble or trial to get things going; (2) Mission trips of any kind can be invaluable and have lasting effects; (3) There is something about the heart of the Christian community that just wants to share – without sharing the church can shrivel and become cold.

Minutes from March 24, 2015 (v.1): A motion was made and duly seconded to approve version one (v.1) of the minutes from the March 24th meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Ratification of 2014 Parochial Report, v.3: A motion was made by Peter Pignataro to ratify the approval of the 2014 Parochial Report, version 3. Nick Pasken seconded the motion, which was then unanimously passed by all 12 Vestry members. Note; this report was initially approved via electronic vote on 3/27/15 by Al Funston, Sally Hastings, Lenore Hubbard, Pam Lanier, Tom Morris, Nick Pasken, Peter Pignataro, Sue Riddell and Harriet Stone (per electronic notification from Melissa Lewis on 3/27).

Ratification of \$33.5K to Repave Balance of Main Campus Parking Lot: A motion was made by Todd Balfourt and seconded by Harriet Stone to ratify the approval to repave the balance of the main campus parking area. Motion passed unanimously by all 12 Vestry members. Note; this project was initially approved via electronic vote on 3/27/15 by Al Funston, Sally Hastings, Lenore Hubbard, Pam Lanier, Tom Morris, Nick Pasken, Peter Pignataro, Sue Riddell and Harriet Stone (per electronic notification from Melissa Lewis on 3/27).

Committee Reports:

Mission and Outreach, Peter Pignataro – Electronic report distributed prior to meeting. For the second year, St. Mary's participated in the "Extreme Martin Makeover" project, cleaning and painting a home in Port Salerno.

Several expectant mothers from Mary's Shelter have been attending services and one young lady has asked to be involved with our Bible Study program. A check for \$8500 from Mary's Closet sale proceeds, including the recent Fashion Show, was presented to LAHIA to help with purchase of a "new" facility (lease on current facility ending soon). Proceeds will help offset 50% of cost to renovate their kitchen.

Reports to the congregation on St. Mary's Outreach Ministry will be given in April, June, August, and September. Help is needed at LAHIA and Mary's Shelter if anyone is interested.

Traditional Worship Service, Pam Lanier – Written report distributed at meeting. Easter was particularly moving for the choir to participate in, largely due to the joy brought to the process by Joanne (music director).

The Music Committee has met and tentatively planned their 2015-2016 series, including some jazz and a Veteran's Day Concert. Peter Pignataro requested that St. Mary's choir consider a community outreach project, particularly at the holidays.

Fr. Todd requested that future traditional worship service reports also include input from Bob Schneider (who schedules our Readers), acolytes, and the Altar Guild.

Facilities, Todd Balfoort – Electronic report distributed prior to meeting.

Committee is keeping expenses to a minimum at this point. Light (not heavy) renovations of Smith Hall bathrooms are underway.

Completion of LED light replacements in the Pittenger Center will be held off until 2016.

Funding to repair our stained glass windows has been aided by a \$13K donation (equaling 50% of cost). Additionally there is \$2200 in the 2015 budget for this project.

Todd will be presenting the Facility Committee's "Ministry Minute" report to the parish one weekend early in May (discuss schedule with Fr. Todd).

Parish Administrator's Report, Melissa Lewis: Electronic report distributed prior to meeting. Biggest issue to address in 2016 is need for more parking for holiday services, especially Easter, which had an 8.8% yr-yr increase in attendance.

People's Warden's Report, Nick Pasken: Electronic report distributed prior to meeting.

Rewarding to see level of volunteerism on and off St. Mary's campus (e.g. in the office, and at the recent painting project in Port Salerno).

Church Picnic moved one week to Sunday, May 31st. Picnic will be held under the Stuart Causeway, at the eastern end (closest boat launch/ picnic area to Hutchinson Island Marriot).

Continuing to develop Church Connectors program (Connectors help to establish and maintain contact between parishioners). If you have previously served as an Ambassador and/or Connector, please send your comments/suggestions directly to Nick (e-mail: npasken@gmail.com).

On a personal note, the Vestry was delighted to hear that Nick & Megan are expecting a new family member!

Rector's Warden's Report, Harriet Stone: Electronic report (via Melissa) distributed prior to meeting. Hard copies of Vestry Reporting Schedule and Ministry Minute Schedule distributed at meeting.

In early May, Harriet would like Todd Balfourt to report to the congregation on the completion of the main campus parking area and the stained glass window project. In mid-May, Harriet would like Sally Hastings to report to the congregation on the summer youth mission. Please discuss reporting schedules with Fr. Todd.

IMPORTANT: There will be no Vestry meetings in June and July. Monthly meetings will resume Tuesday, August 25th. Have a great summer!

Assistant for Pastoral Care, Father Steve: Verbal report given at meeting. The final "Healing Ministry Luncheon" will be held on Thursday, May 14th, featuring Dr. Andrew Leach, from Coastal Family Chiropractic. Dr. Leach will discuss "Healing from the Inside Out". Presentation to be held at noon and will include lunch.

Assistant Rector's Report, Father Ian: Electronic report distributed prior to meeting.

Fr. Ian recently attended two continuing education conferences. Particularly enjoyed the "Mockingbird" conference on communicating what you have learned from the Lord and repeating these messages to folks in ways they can understand.

Has also been busy with home and hospital visitations, preparing a new couple for marriage, and the next round of baptism preparations.

Rector's Report, Father Todd: Electronic report distributed prior to meeting. From Ash Wednesday, through Holy Week and Easter, all St. Mary's events were a wonderful experience. For next year, Fr. Todd would like to see improvements in (1) remote electronic broadcast of service(s); (2) increase the "welcome factor" of the overflow space (greeters, decorations, etc.); and (3) parking. Also considering addition of another service on Easter Eve, which, like the new Christmas Eve service, would be kid friendly.

Please note, the Reverend Patsy McGregor will be speaking to the parish on Sunday May 2nd at the following services: 7:30 am Traditional, 9:00 am CFW, and 11am Traditional.

Financial Report, Charlie Lippincott: Absent. Electronic report distributed prior to meeting. Note: Per Melissa, full March financials show \$20K more income than Charlie's initial report.

New Business - None

Old Business - None

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Trina Perna, Clerk

Note: Vestry minutes represent the highlights of meeting discussions and/or reports. Full reports should be distributed electronically prior to meeting (vestry@stmarys-stuart.org).