

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting
24 February 2015
Final (Approved on 3.24.15)

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

Absent: Pam Lanier

Opening Reflections and Prayer (Father Todd): The Vestry was shown a video based on the book "Vanishing Grace", by Philip Vancey, an Evangelical Christian. In the video, folks on the street were asked what came to mind when they heard the word "Christian". Many respondents had negative connotations associated with Christians and Christianity. In our polarized, divided world, grace seems in short supply. Father Todd then asked the vestry, "What reactions have we gotten from friends and neighbors in our communities?" David pointed out that we live in very cynical times – people are having trouble believing. Philip Vancey reminded us that God transforms individuals and so can Christians. Christians can transform a community with practical help, e.g. missionaries. Faith can transform entire communities, typically from the ground up. Father Todd concluded with the observation that we live in a complex world where folks follow trends, and the trend is not currently in our favor. But don't give up!

Minutes, 20 Jan 2015 (v.1) – A motion was made and seconded to approve version v.1 minutes with corrections. Corrections made to reports from Tom Morris (replace "prayer" with "Christian Education") and Father Todd (correct spelling of "coadjutor"). Motion passed unanimously.

Election of People's Warden – Harriet Stone made a motion to nominate Nick Pasken to replace outgoing Kasia D'Auria as People's Warden. Motion seconded by Sue Riddell. Nick accepted the nomination. Additional nominees were asked from the floor. Hearing none, the nominations were closed. A voice vote was taken. Nick was unanimously elected.

Committee Reports – None

Parish Administrator's Report, Melissa Lewis- Written report distributed prior to meeting. No questions were asked.

A motion was made by Peter Pignataro and seconded by Harriet Stone to approve the 2015 Authorized Bank Signatories resolution with the addition of Nick Pasken as People's Warden. Complete changes include:

- 1) Remove Kasia D'Auria, former People's Warden, from all accounts
- 2) Add Nick Pasken (new People's Warden) to the Operating checking, Money Market, Paypal checking, Seacoast Wealth Management Brokerage Account and Seacoast Trust Account.

3) Rector's Discretionary, Assistant Rector's Discretionary and TRUE Fund account signers will remain the same.

Motion to approve 2015 Bank Signatories passed unanimously.

Rector's Warden Report, Harriet Stone- Verbal report given at meeting. Shine Your Light Celebration Dinner on Jan 31st was a wonderful night with over 280 folks in attendance.

2015-2016 Vestry Reporting Schedule – New Vestry assignments are being completed and will be sent out tomorrow 2/25/15.

Assistant for Pastoral Care (Father Steve): Verbal report given at meeting. Bible study is going along great guns. Open house at Healing Center was a smashing success. Tuesday healing service continues to inspire. Trip to "Holy Land Experience" in Orlando was cancelled due to recent scandals with Trinity Broadcasting - will be rescheduled at a later time. 16 Folks had signed up.

Assistant Rector's Report, Father Ian - Things are moving along with the Contemporary Service. Enjoyed Vestry Retreat and getting to know new folks.

Rector's Report, Father Todd - Written report distributed prior to meeting. Fr Todd expressed his gratefulness for Harriet's volunteering to coordinate the January parish dinner. Next community meal will be the Stewardship dinner in the fall. A Mission's Committee has been formed. Tim Kimes is Chairman. Letter to be sent to parish concerning needs in Madagascar due to recent cyclones. In addition, we have a potential future opportunity to help with feeding ministry in Havana. Dale Hudson and Mary's kitchen team leaders have agreed to sponsor this program, in full (\$5K). Looking for opportunity to build future relationships. Bishop Frade will be going to Cuba prior to his retirement. Lenten Series starts Wed 2/25/15.

Financial Report, Charlie Lippincott - Written report distributed prior to meeting. 2014 Parochial Report will be submitted to Vestry for approval at its next meeting prior to confirmation to the Diocese. 2015 Diocesan Assessment is \$153K. Motion made by John Funston and seconded by Peter Pignataro to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business - Peter Pignataro will be conducting training session for new Eucharistic Visitors Saturday 2/28/15 at 9am.

Old Business – None

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm
Respectfully submitted,
Trina Perna, Clerk

Note: Vestry reports represent the highlights of meeting discussions. Full reports were distributed prior to meeting as indicated above.