

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting  
20 January 2015**

Final – Approved with corrections on 2.24.15

**In Attendance:** Pam Lanier, Jim Menendez, Tom Morris, DeeDee Nice\*, Nick Pasken, Peter Pignataro, Sue Riddell, Rose Schneider\*, Harriet Stone, Father Todd, Father Ian, Father Steve, David Earle, Charlie Lippincott, Melissa Lewis, Trina Perna

**Absent:** Kasia D'Auria\*, Todd Balfourt, Barry Marsh\*

(\*) Asterisks indicates outgoing Vestry members

**Opening Reflections and Prayer:** Fathers Todd and Steve led a meditation on the meaning of **Ephesians 1:15-23**, which contain excerpts from a letter of 'Thanksgiving and Prayer' written by Paul to the Ephesians. In these verses, Paul combines his thankfulness for the Ephesians' faith in Jesus with encouragement to increase their relationship with the Lord. Paul is seeking to keep them together, to keep them cohesive, while also expressing his hope that they come to know better God through Jesus. Paul's letter shows there are many ways to communicate God's glories through the playground of prayer.

**Minutes (16 Dec 2014, v.2):** A motion was made by Peter Pignataro, and seconded by Pam Lanier to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

**Christian Education/Small Groups, Tom Morris:** Written report distributed prior to meeting. Tom reviewed the many varieties of **Christian Education** afforded to members of St. Mary's from meeting with small 'Life Groups' in homes to traditional Adult Bible Study at church on Sunday morning's. Involvement in any of these prayer and study groups will help us all to grow spiritually.

**New Members, Nick Pasken:** Verbal report given at meeting. Nick reported that in 2014 St. Mary's had over 80 new members. Three weeks into 2015 we already have four (4) new members. A sample of the new member coffee mug was presented. The mug and information on programs available at St Mary's will be given to visitors (hopefully by our by greeters) at each service. Anyone is welcome to purchase a mug for \$5.00.

**Financial Report, Charlie Lippincott:** Written reports distributed prior to meeting.

2015 Pledge Status – As of 19 January, the pledge total reached \$798K versus a budget basis of \$810K. Of these potential funds, \$115K has been pre-paid, which

should help tremendously with cash flow. In addition, \$75K from the 2014 Match Campaigns will be carried forwarded into 2015 (this will also help with cash flow).

2015 Operating Budget - Refer to Charlie's written report, Budget v2.09 Changes'150117.xlsx. Page 3 shows only the proposed changes from the 2015 Operating Fund Budget that was approved as preliminary on 12.16.14. Page 4 shows the budget by category. The preliminary Net Operating surplus was \$6.6K, while the newly proposed budget shows a surplus of \$0.2K (after several transfers between funds including half of the 2014 Match Campaign). Page 5 summarized the revenue and expense situation for the capital items and the Reserve Fund.

Harriet Stone moved to accept with correction the 2015 Operating Budget at a total of \$1,188,303 (see pages 3&4). Motion seconded by DeeDee Nice. Correction: Shift \$5000 from Rectors' Stipend to Rectors' Housing Allowance. Thus the proposed 2015 Operating Fund results in a surplus of \$178.00. Corrected motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by DeeDee Nice and seconded by Rose Schneider to approve the [2015] Budget for Capital Items & Reserve Fund (version showing a \$14.5K deficit). After much discussion, including comments from David Earle (Chancellor), DeeDee amended her motion with the caveat that capital projects shown will not be completed unless additional funds of \$14.5K are received. Amended motion passed unanimously.

Looking forward, 2016 will present another challenge, especially without any designated carry-forward funds. We must hope that pledges will continue to surge upwards.

2014 Budget – By year end in the Operating Fund was left with a small surplus of less than \$6000. Due to a bequest, the Reserve Fund was able to end 2014 with a net surplus of \$18,500. Charity funds (Heritage, TRUE, Mary's Kitchen and Rectors' Discretionary) were benefited by two (2) large donations and ended the year with combined surpluses of over \$167,000. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Rose Schneider and seconded by Peter Pignataro. Motion passed unanimously.

**Parish Administrator's Report (Melissa Lewis):** Written report distributed prior to meeting. Thanks given to all office volunteers for their' wonderful help. Website has had over 3900 views with 43% of them from new visitors ([www.stmarys-stuart.org](http://www.stmarys-stuart.org)). In addition, information on St. Mary's can be found on FaceBook ([www.facebook.com/stmarys.stuart](http://www.facebook.com/stmarys.stuart)) and Pinterest ([pinterest.com/stmarysstuart](http://pinterest.com/stmarysstuart)). The 9:00 am Contemporary and Traditional services are posted on YouTube ([www.youtube.cm/stmarysstuart](http://www.youtube.cm/stmarysstuart)). The Brotherhood of St. Andrews has been working on repairs to the courtyard. The Healing Center grand opening will be Sunday, 2/8/15.

**People's Warden's Report (Kasia D'Auria):** Absent (at home with new baby boy). Written report provided prior to meeting.

**Rector's Warden's Report (Harriet Stone):** Written report provided at meeting. The Vestry Nominating Committee has nominated the following candidates for the 2015-2018 term: John Funston, Sally Hastings, Lenore Hubbard, and Al Krueger. St. Mary's "Shine Your Light" Parish Dinner will be held Saturday, 31 Jan 2015. Currently have 23 tables of eight (8). Music has been donated. Please remember to submit your written Vestry Report prior to the Vestry meeting ([vestry@stmarys-stuart.org](mailto:vestry@stmarys-stuart.org)). Reports will be used to better communications with the Parish.

**Assistant for Pastoral Care (Father Steve):** Verbal report given at meeting. Working with Karen Lindsay on a grief and bereavement program. Healing Center grand opening will be two in (2) weeks (2.8.15 starting at 10:30 am with blessing at 12:30 pm). Tuesday Healing services continue to be blessed, though for first time in 27 years there was a problem with a man who came into the church. Everybody is invited to join St. Mary's field trip to the Holy Land in Orlando the week before Palm Sunday. Depart Thursday, March 26 at 7:45 am (return 7:00 pm). Cost is \$89pp including admission, transportation and boxed lunch. There are 25 spaces. Please call Fr. Steve at 561.414.7481.

**Assistant Rector's Report (Father Ian):** Written report provided prior to meeting. New "CFW Team", assembled to improve service, has met twice. Members are Fr. Todd, Fr. Ian, Jim Menendez, Barbara Taft, Alexis Stuckey Kelly Garner, Tom Winter and Zelia Paul. Getting ready for Week 2 of Frozen series. Fr. Ian and wife, Nikki, and are looking to form a new Life group for young married couples. Will most likely be a video-based program.

**Rector's Report (Father Todd):** Written report provided prior to meeting. Thanked outgoing vestry members Kasia, Barry, DeeDee and Rose for their incredible service. When writing your ministry reports, think of the audience as not only the vestry, but also the parish at large. The 2015 Vestry Retreat will be held Saturday, 7 Feb 2015, at St. Mary's. 25 Folks from St. Mary's attended Bishop's walk about in Jupiter to meet the five (5) Bishop **Coadjutor** candidates. Election will be held January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

**New Business – None**

**Old Business – None**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm. Followed by a Champaign toast for outgoing members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trina Perna, Clerk