

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

24 March 2015

Final – Approved at 4.28.15 Vestry Meeting

In Attendance: John Funston, Lenore Hubbard, Pam Lanier, Nick Pasken, Sue Riddell, Harriet Stone, Father Todd, Father Steve, Father Ian, Charlie Lippincott, Melissa Lewis, Trina Perna

Absent: Todd Balfourt, Sally Hastings, Al Krueger, Jim Menendez, Tom Morris, Peter Pignataro and David Earle

Note: Absent Vestry members will be contacted electronically to obtain approval of all items requiring a quorum to be present for disposition.

Opening Reflections and Prayer, Father Ian: Vestry read together 2nd Kings, Verses 9-13 “Jehu anointed King of Israel”, and Zechariah Verses 9-13 “The Coming King of Zion”.

2nd Kings (background) - Ahab is king of Israel, Jezebel is his wife. After Jehu is anointed he attacks Ahab's household and eventually rules as king of Israel.

Zechariah (summary) – A ‘king’ enters Israel mounted on a donkey.

The Vestry was asked, “What jumps out at you as you read these verses?” (A) Both readings depict previous “kings of Israel”. Zechariah's verses even depict a ‘king of Zion’ who arrives in the same manner that King David did and Jesus will do in the future. Father Todd, “God's plans for Jehu and Zechariah did not include them as king of the world to come. Who knows what would have happened if they had stood in Jesus' sandals.”

Minutes, 24 Feb 2015 (v.3): A motion was made by Sue Riddell and seconded by Nick Pasken to approve version three (v.3) of the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Healing Center, Karen Lindsay, and Executive Director – written report presented at meeting. Karen is a FL-registered Marriage and Family Therapist and the contractor for St. Mary's who is in charge of developing a faith based therapy center where people in need can turn for help. As of March 2014, there are four (4) other therapists using the center and paying rent to St. Mary's (as acting Director of the center Karen does not have to pay rent). Monthly income has been averaging approximately \$300/month. Services are available currently to help children, adults, families and couples (in pre and post-marital relationships). Additionally, chiropractic wellness consultations are available. There are two therapists who would be willing to run a bereavement support group, but we need more folks who need this service (Karen distributed “Center” info at local Funeral Homes). To aid funding, Karen is also applying for several grants for the Center.

Mission and Outreach, Peter Pignataro – Absent. Report tabled until April.

Parish Administrator's Report, Melissa Lewis: Written report distributed prior meeting.

Approval of 2014 Parochial Report (v.1) – Motion made by John Funston and seconded by Lenore Hubbard to approve with corrections the 2014 Parochial Report. Corrections are as follows: Pg. 3: Number of pledges and total dollar amount should read 311 pledges totaling \$766,531.00. Pg. 4: Change Father Steve's [diocese of canonical residence] from Massachusetts to Florida. Motion approved by all six attending Vestry Members. Voting tabled and will be conducted electronically to ensure quorum is present. **See attachment for full, corrected report (v.3).**

Completion of Repairs to Main Campus Parking Lot – The Facilities Committee is recommending \$33,500 be taken from St. Mary's Reserve account to complete repairs to the parking area between the youth building and the sacristy. Work would be completed in July 2015. Motion made by Harriet Stone and seconded by Sue Riddell to approve repaving parking area adjacent to the Youth Building at a cost of \$33.5K, to be taken from Reserves." Motion approved by all six attending Vestry Members. Voting tabled and will be conducted electronically to ensure quorum is present.

Stained Glass Window Repairs - In February 2015, St. Mary's received \$13K or 50% of funding required to repair the stained glass windows, from a generous donor. The Facility Committee Chair, Bob Pearson, is developing a campaign to raise balance of funds needed to complete this work. Project is estimated to take five days.

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

Connectors – The initial goal of St. Mary's "Connectors" was to help maintain contact with our parishioners during the 2015 pledge campaign. Nick would like to expand the goals of this team to include communication with each other and the congregation throughout the year. Concern: If we do nothing from now to next fall, then most likely we will default to the previous model. Stay tuned for future updates.

Pentecost Picnic (May 24th) – Nick is establishing a team to support a parish wide picnic on Sunday, May 24th. Mark this day in your calendars and stay tuned for future updates.

Rector's Warden's Report, Harriet Stone: Harriet distributed the latest copies of the 2015-2016 Vestry Reporting Schedule and Ministry Minute Schedule. **Electronic copies provided as attachments to this report.**

Assistant for Pastoral Care, Father Steve: Verbal report given at meeting. The March 19th luncheon has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 14. Discussion topic will be chosen to tie in with Healing Ministry. Seventeen (17) people attended the 3/24/15 Tuesday Healing Service, which lasted over an

hour. Attendees at this service included many members from outside of St. Mary's congregation including local area Roman Catholics.

Assistant Rector's Report, Father Ian: Written report distributed prior meeting. The CFW's five-week sermon series on experimenting with prayer has concluded. After Easter, Fr. Ian will convene a "CFW Visioning Process" focus group to discuss some of the larger-scope issues surrounding the service. Please pass the word that volunteers are needed to help with taking meals to the Gallo family as they welcome their new daughter, Josephine into the world. To see how best you can help this young family, go to: www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=IRMQ2889.

Rector's Report, Father Todd: Written report distributed prior meeting. Easter Overflow Space (Smith Hall) – We need a couple to greet worshipers at 9am in Smith Hall. Please contact Father Todd as soon as possible if you are able to help.

Bishop Peter Eaton's consecration will be held at noon, on May 9th at the Cathedral. Seating is limited, but there is unrestricted seating at the overflow service in the ballroom of the hotel next door (where the service will be streamed). More details to follow.

A Missions meeting was held last night (3/23) for possible future mission to Haiti. Bishop Frade will be personally delivering the \$5000 from St. Mary's (Kitchen) to the diocese of Cuba, who just recently voted to re-affiliate itself with the Episcopal Church. Funds will be used to start a "feeding the poor" operation.

Financial Report, Charlie Lippincott: Written report distributed prior meeting. 2015 Offerings for January & February have been a bit under budget. A year-to-date analysis reveals that our revenue from plate and non-pre-paid offerings are down by \$3.9K and \$13.3K, respectively from the average expected offering on which the 2015 budget was based. Additionally, the cost of the January Parish celebration dinner exceeded donations and anticipated expenses. Pray for a great Easter

New Business – None

Old Business – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Trina Perna, Clerk

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