

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting
March, 22 2016
FINAL, Approved 26 April 2016

In Attendance: Joe Ciliberti, Beth Farrara, John Funston, Sally Hastings, Lenore Hubbard, Al Krueger, Pam Lanier, Kathy Pignataro, Sue Riddell, Father Todd, Father Steve, David Earle, Charlie Lippincott, Melissa Lewis, and Nick Pasken (substitute clerk).

Absent: Trina Perna, Todd Balfourt, Brendan Rogan, Jim Menendez

Opening Reflections and Prayer, Father Todd: The vestry read and discussed Matthew 26:47-56 focusing on the arrest of Jesus. As we enter Holy Week, the key thought was that Jesus has prepared himself for what is to happen. We need to trust in God.

Vestry Minutes from February 23, 2016: A motion by Sally H. to approve the minutes, seconded by Pam L. was passed by a vote of general acclaim.

Committee Reports:

- Vestry reporting schedule will resume in April – please see attachment
- Tom Baker will present on capital campaign efforts

Parish Administrator's Report, Melissa Lewis: Written report distributed prior to the meeting. Highlighted items are as follows:

- Pittenger center projectors – As discussed at the last meeting, new bulbs were installed and issues persisted. New projectors have arrived and are scheduled to be installed on 3/23. It is anticipated that with installation (cabling, mounts, etc.), the costs will be slightly above initial estimates.
- St. Mary's website – Page views are up (Google my Business)

People's Warden's Report, Kathy Pignataro: Verbal report given at meeting.

- Mary's Kitchen and Office Volunteers held annual celebrations
- Mary's Closet to hold volunteer appreciation luncheon next month
- Volunteer opportunities are available in numerous ministry areas
- Life Groups and members of church enjoying Essential Jesus series
- Preparing for Easter services
 - New mulch in playground
 - Office needs lots of eggs for Easter egg hunt
- [Martin County Interagency Coalition](#) overview
- Christian – will bring a lot of energy to our community
- Raise True Fund amount from \$250 to \$300 following Outreach committee recommendation
 - Question raised about all the various accounts and what they are for. Action Item to send out to vestry prior to next meeting.

Rector's Warden's Report, Lenore Hubbard: Written report distributed prior to meeting.

- Vestry reporting schedule distributed – will be re-formatted and sent out.
- Deanery Conferences – conversations with the Bishop and Holy Cow! Consulting – April 9th. Send e-mail to Lenore if you are interested in going and car-pool. Note: Bring your own lunch.
- Take Diocesan Survey – Action Item to send to congregation via e-mail
- Christian – will be quite an asset to our church and community
- Parish Retreat – Whitney Kuniholm visit 4/1 - 4/3, schedule provided

Assistant for Pastoral Care, Father Steve: Verbal report given at meeting.

Father Steve continues supporting Father Todd as we await the arrival of our new assistant rector, Christian, this coming summer. Tuesday Bible Study is going strong and Tuesday healing service continues to be a vibrant group. Hospital ministry continues with the dedication of small group of volunteers.

Rector's Report, Father Todd: Written report distributed in advance.

Tom Baker has agreed to chair the capital campaign and has begun pulling together a small steering committee. We are in the midst of preparations for Easter and Whitney Kuniholm's visit the following week. The Spring Convocation for the North Palm Beach Deanery will be held on Thursday, April 14. Clergy encouraged by the leadership of Bishop Eaton. Christian visited this past weekend and as many have shared, we are all encouraged and looking forward to his arrival. Karen Lindsey will be stepping aside from the Director position of the Healing Center and we will begin a search for new leadership. Mimi is planning to retire effective April 18th and plans are in place for her replacement.

Financial Report, Charlie Lippincott: Written report distributed in advance.

The parochial report was distributed and following minor corrections, a motion by John F. to approve the report, seconded by Lenore H. was passed by a vote of general acclaim. Charlie shared his perspective on the budget. Notably, pledge looks good and plate continues to be an area of concern. The concert series is currently running a deficit. Mary's Closet has been supporting the church to the tune of \$18k for operating fund! There is planned development for a lot near the church (just west of us on south side of Ocean Blvd.). John Funston shared highlights on Pledge document shared at meeting and discussed importance of beginning of year and monthly pledges. A motion made by John F. to approve the Financial Report, seconded by Sue R., was passed by a vote of general acclaim.

No New Business / Old Business

A motion by Sally H. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kathy P., was passed unanimously at 7:52 pm.

Nick Pasken
Substitute Clerk