

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting - Minutes
October 27, 2020

MEETING HELD via ZOOM Platform (online)

In Attendance: Genie DuPell, Maureen Cotter, Jane Gilson, Mary Shaw, Cindy Eaton, Brent Butcher, Nan King, Paul Hamaty, Jean Lockwood, Faith Englund, John Norris, including Father Todd (Rector), Father Christian (Assoc. Rector), Ann Golibart (Parish Administrator), Bob Bysse (Treasurer) and Julie Sullivan (Clerk).

Absent: Arthur Lorr

The meeting commenced at 6:31 pm. Faith Englund opened the meeting with prayer.

Opening Reflections and Prayer

Father Todd led the opening reflection from Luke 11:29-36 and discussion followed.

Minutes

John Norris motioned and Nan King seconded to approve the September 29th minutes. All in favor.

John Norris motioned and Paul Hamaty seconded to approve the minutes for the Hearing Loop resolution vote, dated October 15, 2020. All in favor.

Adult Ed./Small Groups, Faith Englund: Written report provided prior to meeting. Filed by Title. The report covered the following topics:

- Most small groups, Bible Studies and Daughters of the King are still meeting, either in-person or via Zoom.
- Life Groups are all reading "The Reservoir" over a 15-month session. Marni Abate is leading a new life group.
- The Listening Series, Art of the Matter, and Book Spot are all on video.
- Brandon Glick is leading "Healing the Heart and Life by Walking with Jesus Daily".

New Members, Nan King and Cindy Eaton: Written report provided prior to meeting. Filed by Title. The report covered the following topics and discussion followed:

- In connection with updating the Directory, Genie DuPell advised us of several new members. These new members have been contacted as part of the Calling Ministry, most recently to let them know of the return to limited in-person worship.
- Now that in-person worship has resumed, we will start planning new member meetings. The last one was held on February 2, 2020.

Facilities, Brent Butcher: Written report provided prior to meeting. Filed by Title. The report covered the following Ross Hall renovation topics:

Items completed in last 30 days:

- Project is on time and expected to be completed by mid-December.
- Physical work is 50% complete; budget is 48% spent.
- Contingency fund is 37% committed.
- Discussion occurred on whether to replace the stage curtains to match new acoustical drapes. Replacement would consume much of the remaining contingency budget.

Resolution

Brent Butcher motioned and John Norris seconded to *not* replace the stage curtains at this time. This issue will be re-visited closer to completion of the project.

All in favor.

Rector's Report, Father Todd: Written report provided prior to the meeting. Filed by Title. The report covered the current state of affairs at St. Mary's and the following topics:

- The Rev. Dr. Patsy McGregor is going to be our Director of Spiritual Formation, coming from the mission field in Madagascar.
- Diocesan Convention held this past week was successful and entirely digital.
- Encourage small groups as they help people form deep and lasting relationships. Sunday morning isn't enough.

Assoc. Rector's Report, Father Christian: Written report provided prior to the meeting. Filed by Title. The report and discussion covered the following topics:

- The Food Fellowship Ministry continues to keep relationships alive with Wednesday take-out.
- This Saturday will be the first ever family friendly **Hallow's Eve** service.
- St Mary's ability to raise over \$28,000 for Education Equals Hope (E=H) in Ecuador during a pandemic was a statement that we believe in a ministry of abundance not scarcity. E=H will be able to serve and ensure that hundreds of kids can be educated because of the God inspired generosity of St Mary's parishioners.
- We have opportunities to keep our prayer life rich and consistent through the Novena and Sea Wall of Prayer in the church.

Rector's Warden Report, Maureen Cotter: Written report provided prior to the meeting. Filed by Title. The report covered the following topics:

- The process is underway for Vestry nominations for 2021.
- Worship services are well attended, and we need to remain vigilant with safety protocols developed by the Re-Entry Committee.
- Thrift Store and Book Store will reopen in early November.
- Office is open 9:00-3:00 daily, no appointment needed.

People's Warden Report, Jane Gilson: Written report provided prior to the meeting. Filed by Title. The report covered the following topics:

- Jean Lockwood, Vestry member, has agreed to provide leadership to the Thrift Store, drawing on her background in retail and merchandizing. Thanks to Kathy Pignataro for her years of faithful service.
- The Stewardship Committee has begun meeting under Fr. Todd's leadership.

Financial Report, Bob Bysse, Treasurer: Written report provided prior to meeting. Filed by Title. The report covered the following topics:

- Treasurer's Report
- September Financial statements

Approval of Treasurer's Report was motioned by John Norris; seconded by Faith Englund. All in favor.

Parish Administrator Report, Ann Golibart: Written report provided prior to the meeting. Filed by Title. The report covered the following topics:

- Cash Flow and Implications for the Reserves
- Year-end Projections for 2020

Old Business:

Regarding the following resolution that was passed at September's Vestry meeting:

John Norris motioned and Cindy Eaton seconded that, once approved, Vestry minutes and Committee reports will be posted on the St. Mary's website.

All in favor.

- It was agreed that Julie Sullivan, Clerk, will send the reports to the website technician on a monthly basis for posting to the website. First, Julie will work with John Norris to ensure the reports are consistent and clear prior to posting.

New Business:

Renovaré: November 20-21, 2020

Next Vestry meeting: November 24, 2020

Closing Prayer:

Brent Butcher provided the closing prayer.

A motion was made by Nan King and seconded by Paul Hamaty to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

*** Written reports and detailed financial reports are available upon request.***