

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES – Via ZOOM
April 30, 2020

Present: Senior Warden-Murry Edwards, Junior Warden-Paul Westrom, Clerk-Mattie Gustafson, Treasurer – Chris Bartlett, David Brierley, Peter Collins, Dave Ferkinhoff, Chris Winslow, Julie Zecher, David Spengler, Matt Spohn, George LeBlanc and the Rector- the Rev. Jennifer Pedrick.

Murry began the meeting at 6:02 p.m. with a prayer.

The Vestry reviewed St. Mary's mission.

Financials – Chris Bartlett

Chris offered a preliminary report for the first quarter of 2020, and said that the primary take-away from his figures is that we are doing surprisingly well. He then went over each page of his report, highlighting important facts and asking for questions. Here are some highlights of his presentation:

- Income has been strong for the first three months of 2020.
- The Oliphant Lane money is still in the bank (a happy occurrence, given current circumstances), but he will work on moving that money shortly.
- The Endowment funds have fluctuated over the past few months, but have bounced back a bit recently.
- We are right where we should be with pledge income.
- Personnel expenses are down, and since we probably won't be adding additional staff any time soon, this should continue to be the case.
- Most of the rest of the expenses are inline with our expectations.
- Our property (long-term maintenance) expenses are in flux, but much of the money that we allocated to this line item have been spent.
- Utilities continue to be a major expense, but with the closing of the building this, too, should be down – at least a bit.
- Chris is planning to call a Finance Committee meeting next week.
- And we have deposited the PPP loan for use, if we need it.

Wrapping up his report, Chris gave many thanks to our congregation, who continue to support St. Mary's. Chris suggested this word of thanks should be communicated to everyone.

Paul W. asked if it would be possible to create a separate line item to help keep track of the deferred maintenance expenses. Chris will look into this.

YouTube Worship – Murry Edwards

Murry sent out a report on various aspects of our online Worship Service. There is a tremendous amount of time and effort and coordination and organization that goes into each one of these productions. Many, many thanks to all who are making this possible.

This is probably a ministry that we will need to continue at least through August, and might even need to expand. People are watching.

Chris B. extended a thank you to Jennifer and her team. These online worship services have been really wonderful.

George suggested we make it easier to find the Online Worship service on the website. Murry will take care of that.

David S. will look into advertising the availability of these services more widely.

Consent Agenda

Chris B. made a motion, seconded by Dave F., that the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes from the January Vestry meeting, the minutes from the February 2nd and April 16th special meetings, and the Treasurer's Report, be accepted. The motion passed.

Chris B. suggested we look into ways to boost the signal Jennifer is using to attend this and other online meetings. This is evidently the mode of communication we are going to have to use for quite a while, and it would help if her connection were stronger. In fact, all of us will need to find more effective ways to connect with each other in the coming months.

Jennifer's daughters will look into the connection strength at the Rectory and Parish House.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie Gustafson, Clerk