

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
August 27 2020

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

Absent: Treasurer – Chris Bartlett and Peter Collins

Jennifer began the meeting at 6:03 p.m. with a prayer by Marian Wright Edelman. She reviewed St. Mary's mission.

Reconnecting with each other, in the presence of God.

This was a period of sharing and supporting each other in difficult times.

Moving Forward Taskforce – Jennifer Pedrick

Completion of the Worship Shell is delayed until the end of September, due to lumber shortages. Sea Rose has indicated a desire to be able to use the shell during school hours. They have agreed to increase their monthly contribution, which increase will begin on September 1st.

The Wardens and Clergy met (via Zoom) with the Bishop, who expressed a number of concerns about worship moving indoors. Our HVAC system is being assessed to see if it meets current CDC standards. But our move indoors for worship (or any significant event) will probably not happen soon. The Task Force is trying to think creatively about traditional events and how they might be adapted to current restrictions, and also trying to think up new and imaginative ways to come together as a community.

The current outdoor Worship Service has been doing extremely well. Several vestry members mentioned how well organized and smoothly the whole endeavor is running. Attendance has been good, and we have had visitors and even new folks filling out Visitor Cards.

We all extended a big thank you to everyone involved.

Stewardship – David Brierley

The Stewardship Season approacheth!

Dave B. mentioned that it is simply good practice to have the leadership make their pledges first. So that when the initial appeal goes out, he can say “100% of the Vestry has pledged. Won’t you join us in securing St. Mary’s mission and ministry?”

David is hoping that those who find it possible will increase their pledge by at least 10%. This may help to set off any decreases in pledging that may occur due to the difficult financial circumstances some folks might find themselves in.

Dave asked the Vestry to please think and pray about their pledge and submit it to David by September 10th. He will send out a reminder email to everyone concerned.

HCRT Update – Paul Westrom

The HCRT team met last Monday, and Paul just recently met with the architects. The Committee proposes to temporarily paint the back 2 bays (one on each side) of the church with 4 alternative color schemes based on the historic colors. In addition, the committee wants to peel off the canvas wall coverings on the church walls. Once the wall coverings are off, the committee can determine what extent of repair and restoration will need to be done.

Paul once again commended Jon Walker and his diligence and hard work. The playground has been repaired, and all the major work projects that Paul discussed as necessary, on-going maintenance have essentially been completed.

Paul will write up two reports – one for the Vestry and one – a sort of executive summary – to be published so that the whole community will know what’s going on.

Consent Agenda

Paul W. made a motion, seconded by David S., that the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes from the July Vestry meeting, be accepted. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m., with all present reciting The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie Gustafson, Clerk