

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING
MINUTES
February 19, 2022

Present: Senior Warden-Marlo Pratt, Junior Warden-George LeBlanc, Clerk-Mattie Gustafson, Julie Zecher, Lee Ferreira, Richard Updegrove, John Corbishley, Ray Edler, Rita Verespy, and the Rector- the Rev. Jennifer Pedrick.

Guest: the Rev. Scott Gunn

Absent: Treasurer-David Brierley, Peter Collins, Matt Spohn, Anne Wood

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 12:39.

Historic Church Restoration Project – Jennifer

Ron M. has begun talking to banks about construction and bridge loans.

The Vestry Planning Committee members are:

- John Corbishley
- Peter Collins
- Marlo Pratt
- Rita Verespy

Jennifer is thinking there needs to be one more person added to this group, who will act as a convener and organize the agenda, etc.

Jennifer made a motion that the Vestry affirm that we will proceed with E.W. Burman General Contractors on the historic church renovation, and that we do not feel the need to meet with any other contractors. George seconded the motion. The motion passed.

General discussion followed about next steps, which include

- How to clarify our message and how to present it to the community.
- How to focus on and memorialize the stories that surround the historic church.
- What is the best way to ask for support for this project and build community at the same time?
- We need to have pledge cards printed.
- Vestry members need to make a financial pledge as an example to the congregation.

The Vestry also decided to wait until the restoration project was complete before discussing funds for maintenance. There are different ways to do this, but any decision on maintenance funding will take place at a later date.

After some discussion, we decided that March 13th (the second Sunday in Lent) would be the day to make the announcement to the congregation that we are definitely moving ahead with the project and to ask for support.

Members of the Vestry need to make their financial commitment by March 6th. Jennifer made a motion, seconded by George that pledges for the historic church restoration will run over a 3-year period. The motion passed.

COVID and Lent – Jennifer

The Bishop has said we can go back to holding church as we did in pre-COVID days. This “return to normal” is not a simple thing, and there are many concerns, both strategically and pastorally that need to be dealt with.

Our Lenten theme this year is “Rooted in Relationship,” and encompasses our relationship to God, to each other, to the church and to the wider community.

Finances and Funds

There was a general discussion about the St. Mary’ endowment – what it consists of and what restrictions are in place. Jennifer will ask Chris B. to come to the April 22nd Vestry meeting to explain and answer questions about our endowments and investments.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made and seconded that we accept the Consent Agenda, consisting of the January Vestry Minutes and Treasurer’s Report. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie Gustafson, Clerk