

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES – in the wide open spaces
June 25, 2020

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

Absent: Chris Winslow

Jennifer began the meeting with a moment of silence, and a prayer.

The Vestry reviewed St. Mary's mission.

Regathering

Outdoor Worship

Sunday, June 28th will be our first experience (experiment!) with taping, live streaming and presenting outdoor worship. The intention is to continuously tweak and improve as we go along.

Any decision about postponing due to rain will be made on Saturday and broadcast to all members via Constant Contact. Notice of any cancellations will also be made on the website.

Jennifer remarked that the Task Force was being very conservative with people's health in making decisions. Jennifer asked if all Vestry members would please model wearing masks.

Marlo Pratt made a presentation about the Task Force's thoughts and recommendations with regard to a structure (worship shell) for outdoor worship. There was much discussion with the main points centering on 1) permanence or moveable, 2) maintenance requirements and 3) cost.

Peter C. suggested that we get a few weekends of worshipping together outside under our belts and see how it goes and how the overall concept is received. Chris B. said he genuinely believes that the structure (whatever we decide it should be) will not make outdoor worship a success, but the extraordinary amount of work and attention that everyone involved in this effort has made that will make it work.

It was decided to postpone any final decision on a structure till later. In the meantime, we want the Sarah Gibbs Trustees informed of what we are thinking about. Murry made a motion, seconded by Dave B. that we ask the Trustees for permission to build a worship shell in the grassy area north of the labyrinth. The motion passed.

Covenant for Regathering

Murry made everyone aware of this Diocesan document. These are our guidelines and standards for moving forward.

Moving Forward Task Force update

After all the work that has gone into planning and setting up for Outdoor Worship and the re-gathering of our church community, Jennifer mentioned that the Task Force will be turning its attention to welcoming various groups back to our grounds and buildings.

The Task Force will be working on developing criteria for tenants who want to move back in and use the buildings and grounds.

Financials

Chris B. wants to wait until the month of June is over before doing a written financial report. He will send this report out, once it is complete. He re-iterated that pledges are fluctuating and rental income is changing.

Jennifer reported that Sea Rose Montessori School wants to move forward with renting the 3 classrooms in the Parish House, beginning as early as August. They are also planning on offering some kind of camp in July.

Consent Agenda

David S. made a motion, seconded by George L., that the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes from the May Vestry meeting, and the Treasurer's Report for April/May (which will be sent out after the close of the month of June) be accepted. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned with all present reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie Gustafson, Clerk