

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2021

Present: Senior Warden-Marlo Pratt, Junior Warden-George LeBlanc, Treasurer-David Brierley, Clerk-Mattie Gustafson, Lee Ferreira, David Spengler, Peter Collins, Matt Spohn, Richard Updegrove, and Chris Winslow.

Absent: Julie Zecher, Chris Bartlett, Dave Ferkinhoff, and the Rector- the Rev. Jennifer Pedrick.

Marlo began the meeting at 6:10 p.m. David B. read a prayer.

Reconnecting with each other, in the presence of God.

Discussion of Chapter 4 in the *Vestry Resource Guide*, led by Mattie G. Some of the following points were made.

*As a Vestry, we've already done some of these actions –

“select a challenge facing your church” – we've selected the very vital issue of regathering
“consider it in the context of the faith community's vision” – regathering is taking place in
the context of “Criteria for Regathering Parish Ministries.”

*The next issue that the book mentions, and that we need to address, is communicating with the members of the Parish.

* Peter made the point that all of the above should be done within the context of *Invite, Welcome, Connect* – which is the process we adopted and began before the pandemic, and which has the potential of being transformative for our church.

The Vestry – especially the newer members – would like the “Cliff Notes” version of what *Invite, Welcome, Connect* is.

Half-Year Financial Update – David B.

David was prepared to give a more detailed budget and financial presentation, but then noticed that the next chapter in the Vestry Handbook is on finances – so he thought it would be more appropriate to delay his in-depth presentation until next month. His brief presentation at this meeting was essentially “so far, so good.”

Updates from the Senior Warden – Marlo P.

Moving Forward Taskforce

The MFT is now disbanded. They did an incredible job of keeping us moving forward during a very difficult time, and now is the time to transition to the “new normal.”

Saturday Morning Under the Trees

This is a very informal program that will begin in July. It is planned as a very welcoming place for folks to gather – 10:00 a.m., under the trees in front of Gibbs/ Sea Rose – and just talk.

Safe Church Training

Karen says we are doing well as a Vestry. Today was the due date for finishing, and most have completed their tasks. She would just like to offer a friendly reminder to those that haven't finished, to please do so.

Worship Shell and Power / Wi-Fi – Dave B.

Dave B. made a motion, seconded by Richard U., that we spend money, not to exceed \$2500, to bring electricity and Wi-Fi to the Worship Shed. This expenditure is subject to the approval of the Rector, Jennifer P. The motion passed.

Renewal Funding Team – Peter C.

Peter will reconvene this group before the next Vestry meeting.

Junior Warden Update – George LeBlanc

George had sent out a complete report and highlighted the following items:

- Final invoices for the 2 furnaces received and processed. Warranties processed. \$6346.
- Washing the Parish House, by volunteers, is in process. We are about 80% complete.
- The driveway coating has been completed, and looks really good.
- Planting – around the electrical boxes, the Rectory and other assorted places is well in hand.

George is gathering a list of projects for 2022. We might want to publish this list at some time, in case anyone wants to donate money to help complete these projects?

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by David B. and seconded by Matt S. that we accept the Consent Agenda, consisting of the May Vestry Minutes. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie Gustafson, Clerk