

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING
MINUTES
March 24, 2022

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

Absent: Peter Collins, Julie Zecher, Anne Wood

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 6:03 and began with a Bible study (of Matthew 11:28-30) and a prayer.

Rector's Updates

Historic Church Restoration Project

Jennifer handed out 2 pages of notes having to do with processes and procedures being set up for dealing with restoration decisions anytime, but especially while she is on pilgrimage. She will write up the guidelines governing decision-making for the ENews.

Guidelines for decision-making for the Historic Church Renovation Project

The decision-making process for matters of design and interior finishes begins with The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick as Rector, Ron Machtley, as the Chief of Restoration, and Patti R. Watson, Owner and Principal of Taste Design Inc.

- The recommendations of this group will be submitted to the Executive Committee who are the officers of the Corporation, and if approved, the decision will go to the Vestry for ratification.
- At each stage of the decision-making process there is **a group of skilled and knowledgeable leaders and not an individual** making the decision.
- The guiding principles for the interior design are **simple elegance, historic appreciation and transcendence.**

The Vestry needs to create a non-profit organization, or 501C3. John C. made a motion to proceed with the establishment of a 501C3, which will help with fund raising. Matt S. seconded the motion. The motion passed. Rita V. and Richard U. will begin working on this process.

After Easter, the historic church will be closed until all work is finished. Work will begin on May 2nd, although some electrical work has already begun.

John C. made the following motion:

That the Vestry ratify the decision, made by the Rector, Chief of Restoration and the Designer, that we move the Rood Screen from its present location to the rear wall of the church. This decision was affirmed by the Executive Committee. The altar rail will move down to the opening where the Rood Screen was, ensuring that all members who can walk are able to get to the altar rail to stand or kneel for Holy Communion.

The motion was seconded by Dave B. The motion passed. (9 yes votes, 1 no vote and 1 abstention.)

The Rood Screen is an important issue for many members of our church and it is important that all Vestry members be able to hear and talk with folks who are concerned with this decision, explaining to them the historic and theological reasons why this action is being taken.

Outdoor Worship

Outdoor worship will begin on Mother's Day, May 8th, weather permitting.

Jennifer's Pilgrimage

The third sheet Jennifer handed out was all about her pilgrimage. Jennifer will be writing something up for the Enews weekly, until she leaves on pilgrimage. She will be leaving April 18th and returning June 1st.

Murry has found an app that will allow folks to walk the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage virtually. Jennifer is planning to take prayers, in the form of colorful ribbons, with her on her walk.

Vestry Business

Investment Committee

Marlo made a motion to appoint the following people to the St. Mary's Investment Committee –

Chris Bartlett, chairperson

David Brierley, *ex officio*

Jeff Belden

Ted Bierman

Michelle Freitas

Edye DeMarch

Rita seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sarah Gibbs Trust

Marlo made a motion to appoint John Corbishley as a Vestry Trustee for the Sarah Gibbs Trust. His term will expire in 2025. Other Vestry appointees are Richard Updegrave (2023) and David Brierley (2024).

Ray seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Junior Warden Update – George L.

George put out a call for donations for outdoor benches and received responses from 7 folks – so we will have 7 new benches for outdoor worship and simply sitting, hopefully by May 7th. Some folks have chosen to put a dedication plaque on the bench.

The backflow valve in our sprinkler system did not pass the annual Fire Dept. test and so we will need to rebuild ours. The cost is \$5220 and we have 30 days to complete the replacement.

The rebuilt portions of the stone wall in front of Gibbs House look so much better than the portions that have not been redone, it has occurred that we might want to rebuild the rest of the wall. George is looking into the cost for this, which is a project that would probably be accomplished over a number of years.

The Diocesan solar power project is on track, but we won't be seeing any benefits for a while.

Diocesan Workshop on Active Threats

A workshop on dealing with active threats will be held, by the Diocese, at St. Mary's on Saturday April 30. Lee, Rita and Matt will attend. Marlo will put a link to the workshop on Base Camp and anyone else who want to know more or might like to attend should check it out.

Consent Agenda

Richard U. made a motion that we accept the Consent Agenda, consisting of the February 19th Vestry Minutes, the minutes of the February 10th Special Meeting, and the Treasurer's Report. Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie Gustafson, Clerk