

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2018

Present: Senior Warden- Murry Edwards, Treasurer- Chris Bartlett, Rector- the Rev. Jennifer Pedrick, Michelle Freitas, Trish Culver, Chris Barker, David Brierly, Julie Zecher, Jenny Williams and Peter Collins.

Absent: Clerk- Mattie Gustafson, Junior Warden-Paul Westrom, Steve Downing and Dave Ferkinhoff.

Jennifer began the meeting at 6:08 with a prayer. The vestry leadership covenant was read aloud. The mission statement "St. Mary's Episcopal Church is a community of Christian worship, well-being and service" was also read. Ministry Priorities for 2018 were also read, reviewed and affirmed.

Bible Study- Acts: 20 and 21.

Consent Agenda

Trish Culver made a motion, seconded by Chris Barker that we accept the Consent Agenda, which included the Minutes for March 1(February meeting), the Property Report and the Financial Report. The motion passed.

Renewal Funding Team

Peter Collins described the work being done. The goal is to raise \$750K. Dave Ferkinhoff has the lead on applying for grants. Judy Hall and Marla Pratt have taken on the planning of major fund-raising events. Finally, Hugh and Sue Hall are working on a capital campaign. "Build the Story" is the theme for this, and an official kickoff will occur soon. Peter also described using a site called "base camp" that will allow for better communication within the different efforts and groups.

Rector's Time

The vestry members discussed the "Top 3" topics that came from church members via survey conducted during and around the corporation meeting held February 4. The topics were tabulated from the responses submitted.

The top three topics were:

1. Education and spiritual well-being,
2. Engagement (defined as fellowship, community and support) and
3. Service opportunities.

The vestry/St. Mary's will work on matching and identifying priorities. A lively discussion was had with a brainstorming of ideas. The vestry agreed to host "coffee and conversation" meetings regularly after the 8 am service.

Senior warden Murry Edwards talked about a myriad of changes at St. Mary's even in the last 6 months or so.

Sea Rose Montessori- Chris Barker researched the length of leases recommended or mandated by the diocese with 5 years being the number. The school hopes to finalize the lease this Spring, so that work can begin on renovations for Fall enrollment.

Thrift Shop- Projections for leasing the building to the school will mean a net loss of approximately \$10K initially, but in the future the school should bring in monies close to the thrift shop earnings.

A lengthy and frank discussion was had with concern voiced over the content and tone of recent e-mails about the decision to lease the Gibbs house to Sea Rose Montessori and close the thrift shop. The discussion also included an exploration of how the situation might have been better handled, and how vestry should respond to criticism, both direct and via email, in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Important upcoming meetings -
Holy Week
Next vestry meeting April 26, 2018**

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia M. Culver for
Mattie E. Gustafson, Clerk