

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2018

Present: Senior Warden- Murry Edwards, Junior Warden-Paul Westrom, Treasurer- Chris Bartlett, Clerk- Mattie Gustafson, Chris Barker, David Brierley, Michelle Freitas, Peter Collins and the Rector- the Rev. Jennifer Pedrick. Gabe Giella was also present.

Absent: Trish Culver, Julie Zecher, Dave Ferkinhoff, Jenny Williams and Steve Downing.

Jennifer began the meeting at 6:02.

The vestry leadership covenant was read aloud. Jennifer said a prayer. The mission statement was read. Jennifer quizzed us on ministry priorities!

Bible Study- *Acts*: 24 and 25. At our next meeting we will discuss Acts 26 through 28 – and that finishes the book of *Acts*. The Vestry was asked to think about what book of the Bible they would like to study next.

The issue of Island Day Care and parking spaces was added to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Chris Bartlett made a motion, seconded by Dave B. that we accept the Consent Agenda, which included the Minutes, the Property Report/HCRT and the Financial Report for April. The motion passed.

Island Day Care and Parking Spaces

Paul W. – after performing some calculations (which included estimated cost of snow removal, lighting the parking lot, etc.), determined that a fair amount for renting 15 parking spaces would be \$310/month.

Paul Westrom moved that the Vestry request that the Sarah Gibbs Trustees allow the Vestry to lease to Island Day Care, 15 spaces in the Southeast corner of the large parking lot for 2 years at \$310 per month. Murry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Sarah Gibbs Trustees have 30 days to respond. Paul W. will send this motion to the Trustees.

Sarah Gibbs Trustee appointment

Murry informed the Vestry that Jeff Belden has been re-appointed an Independent Trustee for another 3-year term.

Sea Rose Montessori Pre-School Lease - Murry

Murry and Eric Chappelle are working on the formal lease.

The Standing Committee (which has to approve the leasing of Gibbs House) asked for some clarifications on some issues, the prime one being “does Sea Rose need any kind of zoning variance?” Paul was asked to contact Suzanne McDonald and inquire about said variance. He may also ask someone at the Zoning Board, if he feels it is necessary. Once this issue is clarified, we will so inform the Standing Committee and ask if they can complete their approval by email vote.

Murry moved that we approve the lease and Paul seconded the motion. Murry presented an overview of the lease and will post the whole lease on Basecamp. The motion passed.

We are adding 3 more handicapped parking spaces. Sea Rose is working on a traffic flow plan which will minimize any disruption that might occur – especially at drop off and pick up times. The Vestry has to approve any improvements or renovations that take place. Sea Rose is keeping SMC aware of all plans as they move forward.

HCRT – Peter C.

There are grants written and pledge monies are coming in. We’re off! Procedures for online giving are also set up.

Paul W. requested that we put an explanation in the SMC e-news telling folks why we can’t take the money for the historic church renovation out of the endowment. This might also be good to mention at the upcoming Coffee and Conversation. Chris Bartlett will write this short explanation. We should also make it clear that we won’t be spending any money until we have that money in hand (or actually – in the bank).

Chris Barker recommended that we be sure to include “an ask” in every communication that goes out *re* the Capital Campaign.

Congregational Development

Shelley Dungan was present and gave a presentation on The Sacred Center and what they have achieved thus far. It has been 6 months since The Center began operations and we are re-doing the lease. This time we have more information on how things will work and how SMC and TSC are working together to mutual advantage.

Shelley shared her vision for The Sacred Center as a way to communicate to our members and the community that *both* organizations are open and welcoming and that together SMC and TSC are trying to provide a place where people can explore and deepen their spirituality and receive healing.

It could be that a retreat ministry is becoming one of our strongest ministries. This kind of offering has much potential to our parish and beyond.

Other Notes

- Gabe passed out a report on Christian formation activities thus far this school year.
- Jennifer presented an overview of our congregation and participation and commitment levels.
- We need a more intentional welcoming procedure – with possible training on how to start a conversation with new comers.
- We also need to explore how to get people to “dip their toes” into ministry.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Important Upcoming Dates
Executive Committee Meeting – June 21st
Vestry Meeting – June 28th – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie E. Gustafson, Clerk