

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES  
November 19, 2020 – Via Zoom

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

Absent: Peter Collins

Jennifer began the meeting at 6:03 p.m. by reading the General Thanksgiving. St. Mary's mission was reviewed.

**Reconnecting with each other, in the presence of God.**

Jennifer asked the Vestry to think about two questions – What are you thankful for personally? and What are you thankful for at St. Mary's? Discussion followed.

**Moving Forward Taskforce – Jennifer Pedrick**

Jennifer reminded the Vestry of Governor Gina Raimondo's new guidelines and the "pause" she is instituting from Nov 30 – Dec 14. This shouldn't affect our outdoor worship, but if things get worse and restrictions deepen, some of what the MFT has planned may have to adjust. Watch words – "be flexible."

**Schedule for Advent – Worship Services**

- Advent 1 – Morning worship in historic church *online only*
  - Drive by Holy Communion after this service
  - Outdoor service of Advent Lessons and Carols and tree lighting at 4:30 p.m.
- Advent 2 - In person (and online) outdoor worship – St. Nicholas Sunday
- Advent 3 &4 In person (and online) outdoor worship
  
- Evening Prayer services online (Facebook Live) every evening at 5:30 p.m. Soft start thus far, but will spread the word beginning in Advent.
  
- Evening Prayer on Wednesdays during Advent - outdoors (and online) with lights. (BTW – The outdoor Worship Shell is scheduled to be finished in time for Advent. Glory be!)
  
- Christmas Eve service outdoors (and online) at 4:00 p.m. *by reservation.*
- The Bishop is planning to offer a virtual Christmas Eve Service in the evening, and we will spread the word about that. We will only have the one service.

### **Schedule for Advent – Additional Opportunities**

- Advent Kits being distributed both for adults and families. Advent Wreath making kit is included. All you have to do is add greens.
- SMC has purchased a subscription to ChurchNext, which offers a myriad of online courses in various spiritual and biblical topics. All members will need is a login and these courses are free.

### **Stewardship Report – David Brierley**

80 families have pledged so far for a total of \$188,081.96 dollars. There are 48 remaining families (who pledged last year) who have not sent in their pledge cards. If their pledges come in and remain the same as last year, Dave predicted a total pledge income of \$271,818.00. This represents an average increase of 4%.

We realize some families and individual have suffered financially this year because of COVID, but other families have raised their pledges by a considerable amount – so far it is working out.

Dave B., Paul W., Dave S., Chris B., Murry E., and Michelle F. (whom Chris B. will ask) will make in person calls to those who have not pledged yet, by the end of the day on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Jennifer thanked David for his leadership in Stewardship.

### **Treasurer's Report – Chris B.**

Chris B. presented a draft budget for 2021. Chris said he was seeking more detailed input and further study. Questions and comments from the Vestry included Paul's estimate for necessary future repairs for the Rectory; what will happen to the PPE funds; and where are we with regard to the Endowment draw. Chris said if there were any more questions, please feel free to contact him. He will present a "final" draft to the Executive Board at their next meeting, and have a proposed budget ready for Vestry approval at the December meeting.

Dave S. made a motion, seconded by Dave F. that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion passed.

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Chris B., seconded by Dave B., that we accept the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes from the October Vestry meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mattie Gustafson, Clerk