

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2019

Present: Senior Warden-Murry Edwards, Junior Warden-Paul Westrom, Treasurer-Chris Bartlett, Clerk-Mattie Gustafson, Michelle Freitas, David Brierley, Dave Ferkinhoff, Chris Winslow, Julie Zecher, David Spengler, Peter Collins and the Rector- the Rev. Jennifer Pedrick.

Absent: Trish Culver

Jennifer began the meeting at 6:02 p.m. with a communal reading of the General Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving Litany from the BCP.

The Vestry reviewed our Mission, Ministry Priorities and Leadership Goals.

Congregational Development

Invite, Welcome Connect

Marlo Pratt gave a presentation on the organization and forward-looking goals of this program. Marlo will be the overall coordinator and also in charge of the *Connect* section. David Spengler is heading up the *Invite* section and Regina Slezak will be shepherding the *Welcome* section. Each section will try to recruit 3-4 additional members to work on that particular focus. Marlo will attend all meetings and will coordinate with Jennifer on a monthly basis.

Future programs

- Welcome Reception on November 23rd at the Rectory
- Greens Gathering and Advent Wreath making weekend of December 1st
- Epiphany Brunch (2020!!)

Marlo then put her “fundraising” cap on and gave a brief follow-up to the presentation she made concerning making and offering for sale plaques made out of the old slate tiles from the historic church. The sample tiles look fantastic! This fundraiser will begin after Easter.

Budget and Finances – Chris Bartlett

Chris distributed the first draft of the proposed Budget for 2020. Three areas to keep an eye on are computer expenses; (These were high for this year, because of our switch to a new and more efficient system. This switch should help finances in the long run.) maintenance of buildings and grounds, and utilities. Many things are still in flux.

A great thank you to Chris B. for his diligence and commitment to working with our finances. He will present a “final” budget in December.

Transition Time at SMC – Jennifer Pedrick

Jennifer presented an outline of what tasks will now need attention, given Gabe's leaving. She had well-thought out list of who is responsible for what and what might still be left undone. This, too, is a work in progress – but basically this outline will get us through next June with most tasks assigned.

Jennifer is thrilled with the many talented lay folks who have stepped forward and willingly committed to "filling the gaps" made by Gabe's absence. We do not want to discuss who or what will replace him until we are really clear about what it is St. Mary's really needs and can afford.

Junior Warden's Report – Paul Westrom

The Roof on the Historic Church

Change orders (due to unexpected discoveries – almost an inevitability when remodeling an older structure) have amounted to about \$80,000. Chris B., David B., Paul and Peter C. need to meet to discuss the cash flow problem this has created and how to solve it going forward.

The bell in the Bell Tower has been greased!

Storm of October 2019 and Consequences

The water that leaked into the historic church and the discoveries that led to are significant. And much is still not "fixed." Because of these ongoing issues, we will be worshipping in St George's Chapel now and through the winter months. It was noted that St. Mary's is very fortunate to have an alternative place of worship.

Paul is working on getting an approximate (but accurate) number for the next phase of restoration (the entire interior of the church). The roof should be completed by the first of the year. Our goal is to completely finish Phase Two (roof and associated problems discovered during the repair) before turning to Phase Three.

Deferred Maintenance Items

Paul handed out a list of items in and around the property that need to be taken care of – from replacing the Gibbs House roof and siding to tree removal to preserving the exterior of the Parish House. These items total approximately \$90,000 in necessary expenses. No decisions will be made right now. The Vestry was asked to pray about this issue.

Stewardship and Harvest Weekend – David Brierley

We are all set for the Harvest Dinner. A gift from Thrivent is paying for most of the food. We will receive pledges throughout the weekend. Personal calls will be made to anyone who has

not completed a pledge by the end of Harvest Weekend. Murry, Paul W., Dave B., Dave S., Michelle and Chris B. volunteered to be part of the “calling” team.

Consent Agenda

Paul W. made a motion, seconded by Chris W., that the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes from the October Vestry meeting and the Treasurer’s Report, be accepted. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie Gustafson, Clerk