

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2020

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, Peter Collins, Dave Ferkinhoff, and the Rector-the Rev. Jennifer Pedrick.

Jennifer began the meeting at 6:01 p.m. by reading 1st Thessalonians 5:12-22, and sharing a prayer by William Sloan Coffin. St. Mary's mission was reviewed.

Reconnecting with each other, in the presence of God.

Members of the Vestry discussed various issues and events happening in their lives and around them. We are all very pleased with the organization, production and success of St. Mary's outdoor worship. We talked about leadership in what, to say the least, are unusual (interesting?) times. Peter C. mentioned the importance of leading with hope, and not only being hopeful ourselves but bringing hope to others. We began talking about creating some new traditions around the holidays – which was a very appropriate transition to Jennifer's report on the Moving Forward Taskforce.

Moving Forward Taskforce – Jennifer Pedrick

The Task Force is working toward Advent and Christmas using the theme "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Plans include

- Lighting select trees on our property.
- Holding an outdoor service of Lessons and Carols
- Holding an outdoor Evening Prayer Service on Wednesday evenings.

Plans for indoor worship are a work in progress. Dave B. reported that the HVAC system had been tested this very day. Funneling outside air inside is generally too expensive to be feasible, and HEPA filters are so high quality that air circulation is reduced considerably. All of these findings will go to the Task Force for further deliberation.

Marlo reported that the Halloween drive-through Trick or Treat is a "go" with 6 families volunteering to set up spots. She needs candy donations and would love to have a few more volunteers for decorating spots.

The Boy Scouts have asked to be allowed to meet indoors again, and this request was refused for a number of reasons. Paul related that the Bishop, in his October 21st newsletter, suggested that the only in-person meeting churches should allow is worship.

Treasurer's Report – Chris B.

The Finance Committee has met and finances continue to look strong. There has been a downward trend in giving during August and September, which trend will have to be watched carefully. There have been no unanticipated expenses.

Next month we will have to turn our attention to the budget for next year. Chris will gather some baseline figures for the Vestry to look at.

A motion was made by David B., seconded by Paul W. that we accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda

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

Property Update – Paul Westrom

Paul called our attention to his written reports on Buildings and Grounds and the Historic Church Restoration. Members of the Vestry can go look at the back of the church, which has been painted in 4 sample color combinations. His committee has decided to mix two color schemes, choosing to go with dark red walls and a light blue ceiling. In the beginning of December wallpaper removal will begin.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie Gustafson, Clerk