

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 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 6:06 p.m. St. Mary's mission was reviewed.

[Note: The meeting took place in St. George's Chapel, which was set up to demonstrate how seating might look if we took the Sunday Worship Service indoors. There were 52 chairs available.]

Reconnecting with each other, in the presence of God.

Jennifer asked Vestry members to think about 1) Where we are finding connections? 2) What we are grateful for? and 3) What is keeping us grounded in the love of God? Several Vestry members shared their thoughts on these questions.

Moving Forward Taskforce – Jennifer Pedrick

Completion of the Worship Shell is still delayed due to a lumber shortage.

The Bishop was here for a Sunday Worship Service and commended St. Mary's for our efforts in offering a safe and spirit-filled space for worship.

Upcoming worship schedule includes Blessing of the Animals (Oct. 4) and a Baptism (Oct. 11) – both services will be outdoors.

There is no date set for moving the Sunday service indoors. Our ventilation system in St. George's Chapel meets COVID standards and we are seeking bids on installing ultra-violet light filters. Unfortunately, there is no reasonable ventilation in the Church, and therefore worship there would not be nearly as safe.

Murry will take an informal survey of folks attending the Sunday service to determine how comfortable they are with moving indoors. Because it is apt to be a bit warmer, we are moving the Sunday service time to 10:30 a.m. We plan to worship outdoors for as long as possible.

Peter said it would be important to communicate to parishioners what measures we are taking to make indoor worship as safe as possible. Paul suggested that we could probably stay outdoors indefinitely if we rented a tent and some heaters.

Carol Brierley is trying to organize volunteers to offer Morning and Evening Prayer daily on Facebook Live.

Stewardship – David Brierley

Stewardship schedule –

- October 11 – kickoff
- November 15 – end
- November 22 – Vestry volunteers will make follow-up phone calls to those who have not pledged.

David announced that 100% of the Vestry has pledged.

Property Update – Paul Westrom

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Paul has written a comprehensive report summing up all our efforts with regard to the historic restoration – from the boiler problems to where we are right now. This report will be sent out to everyone. It is an impressive list of accomplishments and Jennifer and the whole Vestry thanked Paul and everyone involved in this extraordinary effort.

Next steps include painting sample color schemes on the back walls of the church; removing the canvas wallpaper and determining how much of the old plaster would need to be restored or replaced. The results of these 2 projects will drive the rest of the interior restoration.

Building and Grounds

- Deferred maintenance of the Parish House to 2021
- The exterior of the Rectory needs to be dealt with
- Paul's committee is working on a list of updated priorities

Treasurer's Report – Chris B.

Pledges are close to on-track, and there have been no surprises with regard to expenses. Chris said that we need to start thinking about next year's budget.

It was suggested that we assess where we are with both pledges to St. Mary's and pledges for the historic restoration, and send out a friendly reminder to folks who might be behind in

their pledges. This would also give us a better idea of where we stand with regard to received and expected income.

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

Consent Agenda

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie Gustafson, Clerk