

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
September 26, 2019

Present: Senior Warden-Murry Edwards, Treasurer-Chris Bartlett, Clerk-Mattie Gustafson, Michelle Freitas, David Brierley, Trish Culver, David Spengler, Chris Winslow, Peter Collins and the Rector- the Rev. Jennifer Pedrick.

Absent: Junior Warden-Paul Westrom, Dave Ferkinhoff and Julie Zecher,

Jennifer began the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with prayers from the *Book of Common Prayer*.

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

Congregational Development

Invite, Welcome Connect

The Vestry discussed Chapter Three in the IWC book – Welcome.

- David S. related that our methodology for greeting folks coming to a St. Mary's Worship Service has changed significantly, to the good.
- Murry thought the 5 p.m. service could use some more greeters.
- The Welcome chapter pointed out that being a Greeter is a ministry every bit as important as that of Lector or LEM, as greeters are the first people a stranger sees when walking into a service.

Ministries and Organizational Changes

Jennifer led us through a discussion of a Ministry Organization Diagram. (A print copy of this diagram is being sent along with the minutes.)

- Peter commented that this diagram is a fluid and dynamic framework depicting the way we are carrying out our missions. He asked what are we doing with this information?
- David S. said he thought this was a very effective way to explain to the parish what the church is doing. It should be the subject of a Coffee and Conversation.
- Jennifer said that this chart represents who and what we are today – and is a concrete outline upon which to build the 2020 budget in support of what we are now. It is also a concrete jumping off point going forward into 2021. It will help us define what God is calling us to do next – and how can we support any additional ministries with both people and funding.

Chris B. said this kind of explanation of our ministry and purpose might be appropriate for the Welcome Bag.

Other Business

Slate Roof Fundraiser

Marlo P. gave a presentation on a proposed fundraiser using the old slate tiles being removed from the Historic Church. She has been in touch with a gentleman in Cranston that will clean and engrave these tiles. There is no minimum amount required. She suggested that we mount these tiles on a memorial wall. (Which wall this would be is TBD.) The tiles, which come in big and small sizes, could also be offered for personal use as well.

Murry E. made a motion, seconded by Dave S., that we make available for sale, as a fundraiser, slate roof tiles from the historic church for a memorial wall and/or personal use. The motion passed. Marlo and her committee will continue to refine this proposal.

Signing of Two Motions

Mattie passed around, for signatures, two motions that had been passed by the Vestry, via e-mail.

Motion #1 – Lighting Energy Savings Plan

Motion #2 – Work on the roof of the historic church

[Scans of these two motions and signature pages accompany these minutes.]

South Parking Lot

Chris B. presented his assessment of what it would cost SMC to rent 15 parking spaces in the South Parking Lot to Island Day Care. Chris took many things (increased insurance requirements, snow plowing, re-surfacing, lighting, etc.) into consideration, in making his final calculation. After some discussion, Chris B. made a motion, seconded by Peter C., that we offer 15 parking spaces in the South Parking lot to Island Day Care for \$1100/month, for an initial term of one year. The motion passed.

Murry will inform Jeff B., chair of the Sara Gibbs Trustees, that the Vestry has made and passed this motion.

Consent Agenda

David B. made a motion, seconded by Chris W., that the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes from the July Vestry meeting and the Treasurer's Report, be accepted. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie Gustafson, Clerk