

Vestry Minutes

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
9085 Calvine Road
Sacramento, CA 95829
June 11, 2017

"Opening Hearts and Minds to All"

Core Values: *Commitment, Care, Compassion, Celebration*

Purpose: *The purpose of St. Mary's Episcopal Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.*

Vestry Members Present: Carl King, Richard Lange, Carol McElheney, Mark Nill, Rod Pugh.

Officers Present: Lois Anderson, Susi Jacobo-Vice

Clergy: Rev. Anne Largent Smith

Visitors Present:

Vestry Members Absent: Patti Mangabay, Julie Vice, Diana Siers.

Formation

- Fellowship
- Meeting started at 12 pm.
- Opening Prayer – Anne
- Finishing Our Portrait of St. Mary's (Elements of an Organizational System). We finished creating our chart.

Order of Business

- Appointment of timekeeper and action item tracker: Carl will be our time keeper, Mark will track action items.
- **Vestry Report Assignments for 6/17 & 6/18**
CommUnity: Susi Sunday 8:00: Carl Sunday 10:00: Rod
- Call for additional agenda items

Consent Agenda

- April Minutes
- March and April Financials
- Reports (see below): Lawn, Sacristy Remodel, Security Monitoring, Stewardship, Western Festival, Worship
- **Motion:** Moved by Richard Lang, seconded by Mark Nill, motion carried, to accept consent agenda as presented.

Information

- **Calendar:** Parish Town Hall Meeting June 25, 9:10 am
- **Calendar:** July Vestry Meeting moved to 7/16 (from 7/9)
- Goal check-in: **Noah Room Task Force(s):** Facilities taskforce is waiting for the flooding issue to be addressed
- Goal check-in: **St. Mary's Day Task Force:** August 12, 2-6 pm, kids activities, recognize history of st. Marys, Mexican fiesta held outside, advertisement, place ad in Citizen?, etc.
- Goal check-in: **Walking Path Task Force:** did not form, have no designated leader. Mark will take the lead to make that happen.

- **Building and Grounds work days:** There will be at least three more held to do more painting, cutting down the field of dried grass and others as needed. Carl moved that we spend \$325 to cut down the field, Rod seconded. Motion carried. Rod moved that we contract to have the weeds cut down twice a year and increase the budget line item by \$750 to fund this, Carol seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion

- **Mutual Ministry Review** held on May 13, 2017: We have established four goals:
 1. Offer opportunities for personal testimony about particular ministries in order to invite new participation.
 2. Develop and refine our understanding of our purpose as a church.
 3. Support and strengthen Year-Round Stewardship Program.
 4. Communicate goals and mission with the congregation and request, collect and consider feedback.
- **Possible Vestry changes:** meeting day & time? Size?: We have conflicts on many of our scheduled day. Could we schedule a weeknight meeting for those days? These will be considered and communicated by e-mail. We have struggled to maintain a nine member vestry. We can go down to a five member vestry. Suggestion to create a booklet for proposed new members to understand what will be expected of them. We all need to work on ways to communicate what you get out of being a vestry member.
- **Clerk for July and August:** We have some leads, Anne will follow-up.
- **Communication:** Each person was polled as to what is the best way to communicate to them. Also, we need to send a reply that we have received the email.

Decisions

- **Appointment of a new member** to finish unexpired term. Jake Pfau has offered to fill this slot. Anne moved that we appoint Jake Pfau to complete Sarian's term for 2017. Carol seconded. Motion carried.
- **Scholarships for Youth Camps:** We have one child that has asked for assistance. Mark moved that we offer to pay ½ of registrations for Episcopal summer camps within the Diocese of Northern California total expenditures not to exceed \$1000 for this year. Richard seconded. Motion carried.

Closing

- Review action items
- Closing Prayer Circle

Adjournment

Closed at 1:48 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois B. Anderson
Clerk of the Vestry

Consent Agenda

Lawn

The overgrowth on the property will be cut down on June 16th. We became aware of the need to hire someone many weeks ago, but people were quite booked up. This is the soonest we could get someone to come.

Sacristy Remodel

The sacristy and office furniture has all come in and been installed. We are excited to have this transformed space! Some items still remain: installing window blinds, painting the wall in the nursery. It's time for a celebration!

Security

Julie Vice is still working to get quotes on security monitoring for the property. Stay tuned.

Stewardship Team

The Stewardship Team is working on a year-round calendar so people can plan out things in advance. When we have that done, we will put it out for everyone. It will be available both electronically and hard copy. Right now, we have ECS appeal as special offering and Town hall meeting in June. Kids Kamp, Child Spree, and Asset Mapping in July, and St. Mary's Day in August. As a review, we have collected and donated 229 items in the school supply reverse offering to Union House Elementary. We collected and donated \$500 to ERD, \$662 to Diocese of Jerusalem from Good Friday Reverse offering, \$430 to Chicks in Crisis for Mother's Day Reverse Offering. Mark Nill has put a in a beautiful new planter and enjoyed having the kids help plant items on Easter Sunday.

Western Festival

The Western Festival was poorly staffed this year. We struggled filling spots, and in fact, we had several shifts that were short-handed (and one shift that we couldn't cover the handicap spot at all). This has been the worse year to fill spots – and we are hoping that it's not a trend. There were about a dozen people that have helped in the past that were out of town this year, and another dozen that just had other plans. We had to go back and ask people to take multiple shifts – and we have never had to do that before. Scott and Mark V. that have been covering the day of duties are getting very frustrated with the struggle of filling shifts. Diana helped them out this year by making last minute phone calls to fill shifts. We received \$2000 from the Western Festival as a fundraiser. Scott has requested that we get a buy-in from the congregation that they are willing to take shifts for next year before we commit again to doing it.

Worship Team

Kristin has been researching a new Clavinova to replace the one we currently have. She found a place that gives a church discount but is still over budget. She is discussing having a fundraiser where you can buy a key to the Clavinova. The money raised would cover the amount that is over budget. Questions came up about the technology and transferring the information we have on discs right now. Kristin will be going back to Yamaha with questions about how we can save this information and continue to use it. We have decided to go back to using a lector book created by Lori instead of the Lectionary Book. We also decided that we like the covers on the bulletins being a mix of color and black & white version.