

Vestry Minutes

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
9085 Calvine Road
Sacramento, CA 95829
October 8, 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.*

Formation

- Fellowship – Discussion of how we see excellence here at St. Mary's
- Prayer and Discernment – Acts 10:9-16

Vestry Members Present: Carl King, Richard Lange, Carol McElheney, Mark Nill, Jake Pfau, Rod Pugh, Diana Siers, Julie Vice.

Officers Present: Lois Anderson, Susi Jacobo-Vice

Clergy: Rev. Anne Largent Smith

Visitors Present:

Vestry Members Absent: Patti Mangabay,

Order of Business

- Meeting started at 12:08 pm.
- Call for additional agenda items
- Approval of Agenda
- Appointment of timekeeper and action item tracker
- **Vestry Report Assignments for 10/14 & 10/15**

CommUnity:

Sunday 8:00:

Sunday 10:00:

Jake

Dick

Julie

Consent Agenda

- September Minutes, August Financials, Right of Entry email vote, reports from Priest-in-Charge, Stewardship Team, Worship Team.

Motion: Moved by Rod, seconded by Julie, motion carried, to accept consent agenda as presented.

Calendar:

- **Pledge ingathering 11/5**
- ******Bishop's Visit 11/12**
- Vision and Planning Meeting: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. December 2

Information

- New hose situation – A new hose has been purchased and is now stored inside the church, in the closet.

Discussion

- Oct. 7th Meeting – Impressions from the meeting on Saturday were shared.
- Accumulated paid time off for staff (see report) – Held in executive session.
- Building Fund monies in Smith Barney account (see report). We have \$55,000+ invested there. Do we want to change how we are holding it because we could produce more income from it? Julie moved that we move the entirety of our Smith Barney account into our Diocesan Investment fund. Diana seconded. Motion carried.
- Vestry advertising & recruitment. Carol, Diana, Patti, and Jake are coming off vestry. There will be 3 three-year terms and 1 two-year term up for election. After discussion, we propose to amend our by-laws to say vestry can have no fewer than 7 members. We will still aim for 9. Mark moved that we amend the bylaws to say we will have no fewer than 7 members on vestry. Jake seconded. Motion carried. Lois and Anne will investigate and follow the proper procedure to implement this amendment. Suggestion to send this advertising page to the entire parish for their information. The people going off vestry will make personal contact to recruit people.
- Budget (if needed). We have one more vestry meeting to address this. The next meeting, we will have some more information about pledges for next year. Anne will talk to Andrea to see if we still need to budget to send more people each year to CCD.
- Newcomer procedures – Mark will put together a group and talk to Anne to address this issue.
- Treasurer: We are still looking for a new treasurer.

Decisions

- Security – seriously are we going to do this? Vestry members want to see a comparison between what Julie found and Carol found. Julie will contact our Electrician to get our lights repaired and a quote for a security camera system.

Closing

- Review action items
- Closing Prayer Circle – lift up a prayer to St. Mary's.

Adjournment

Closed at 2:03pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois B. Anderson
Clerk of the Vestry

Consent Agenda:

Priest-in-Charge Report for September 2017

Some of the highlights of my work last month:

- Continued clergy coaching sessions, paid for out my priest's funds and a grant from the diocese. The purpose of clergy coaching is to help me in areas such as development of my ministry, exploring my leadership and adaptive abilities, developing as a manager, balancing priorities, and understanding my role as a priest-in-charge.
- Held the first meeting of a storytellers' group I'd like to get going at St. Mary's. Seven people showed interest in this activity by attending the meeting.
- Continued work on property development, establishing our relationship with Mike Cook through the diocese, and ensuring that our agreement for the neighboring developer's right of entry passed muster legally (Charles Mack reviewed). Advised Mike Cook that we are indeed interested in talking with the engineer to see if we can piggy-back on their frontage improvement work.
- Worked with Betsey Monnot in advance of the all-parish meeting on September 9, including planning for the content and organization of the meeting along with the senior warden, and arranging for auxiliary needs such as facility, child care, and food. (These are tasks that could be taken on by others.)
- Worked with Rav Williams, his son Brent, and various parishioners to plan and offer the Burial service for Betty Williams.
- Worked with the Stewardship Team to plan for our annual pledge campaign.

I'm particularly thankful for the Vestry's commitment to our Visioning and Planning process, and to the work of caring for the church's finances.

—Rev. Anne

Stewardship Team Report:

The Stewardship Team finalized plans for October's concentration on pledging which will include testimonials and reflection questions. The reflection questions will be given during the service with time for people to discuss. We will be trying a Tithing Halloween with the kids this year. This will culminate with the ingathering on Nov. 5th.

The reverse offering brought in 263 pounds of food that was donated to the Elk Grove Food Bank. At the end of October, we will be supporting Trunk-or-Treat and the kickoff of the warm clothing drive, and also start the sign-ups for the Thanksgiving baskets.

—Diana Siers, Senior Warden

Worship Team Report:

Assisting the Worship Team, Susi Jacobo-Vice continues to work on bringing our Clavinova recordings into computer files for transfer to a new Clavinova when possible. The team committed to more involvement of the Sunday school in planning for Youth Sundays, with things such as songs and skits. We were pleased to be able to include a Sacramento Sheriff's Deputy and the Elk Grove Animal Patrol unit in our Blessing of the Animals on October 1. There was great support for providing what was needed for the funeral mid-month. The Altar Guild is looking for greater participation from the parish with their tasks, especially Sunday morning services.