

Vestry Minutes

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

January 14, 2018

"Opening hearts and minds to all"

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

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

2017 Vestry Goals: Fix Up Noah Room ✕ A great St. Mary's Day Celebration ✓ ✕ Walking Path
Regular Workdays ✓ ✕ Decision on Property

Vestry Members Present: Richard Lange, Patti Mangabay, Carol McElheney, Mark Nill, Jake Pfau, Rod Pugh, Diana Siers.

Officers Present: Lois Anderson, Susi Jacobo-Vice

Clergy Absent: Rev. Anne Largent Smith

Visitors Present:

Vestry Members Absent: Carl King

Formation

- Meeting started at 11:56 am.
- Opening prayer and Bible study (led by Mark Nill)

Monthly Business

- Consent Agenda: December Minutes, November Financials, reports from Priest-in-Charge, Stewardship Team, Worship Team

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Appointment of timekeeper and action item tracker: Jake, Lois
- Vestry Report Assignments for

CommUnity:	Sunday 8:00:	Sunday 10:00:
Diana	Richard	Rod

Decisions

Discussion

- **Vestry Candidates:** Updates on further candidates, some vestry members are still working on some possible candidates, but no firm commitment. These reports need to be sent out to all immediately. Do have a team to cover the treasurer's duties. We need 6 candidates in total.
- **Victory Outreach Fireworks Booth possibility:** They have requested having a fireworks booth at our site. They will need a contract with T&T. We will receive rent for use of the site. Anne will follow up on this.
- **Continuation of Monthly BBQ?** Rod is in the process of discussing this with Al. Rod will continue this discussion.

- **Internal financial controls** (attached): Discussion of the suggested procedure. Suggestion to have the EMs of the day be responsible for getting the money into the drop box. Susi will make the requested changes to switch from the vestry closer to the EM.
- **Board of Trustees:** The Board received a recommendation that we not pursue completing our frontage jointly with the neighboring developer because from a development standpoint there is no reason at present to do that work. The diocesan Congregational Development Group has also reported that the neighboring developer has indicated an interest in acquiring our property; Rev. Anne has asked the Vestry to investigate this possibility so that we know what they might offer, and make an informed choice.
- **Executive session:** Confidential information was discussed.

Information

- **Christmas tree lot review.** Things worked out for us. Need to find out about the two signposts left in the front yard. Anne will inquire if they belong to Victory Outreach and Mark will remove them from the front yard and store them.
- **Annual Meeting on January 28:** Every current vestry member is expected to be at the annual meeting. Counters of the ballots will be appointed at the meeting. Would like a short bio of each person running for vestry. There will be a brief meeting of new and returning vestry immediately after the annual meeting.

2017 in Retrospect: Have all think about goals listed at top of agenda-how did we do? Noah room not accomplished, too many things on list. Great celebration, YES!!!! Walking path, no. Decision on the property, yes. But shot down. Regular workdays, yes! And great progress was made. Also, outreach was very successful. Purchase of the Clavinova!! We need to improve our communication and improve our efficiency. Other things we did well this year: BBQ, Reverse Offerings, stewardship program. What did we like about what we did this year? We liked that we got stuff done and that the office, sacristy remodel was completed.

Closing

- Review action items
- Closing Prayer Circle

Adjournment

Closed at 2:02 pm
Respectfully Submitted,

Lois B. Anderson
Clerk of the Vestry

Priest-in-Charge Report for December 2017

Some of the highlights of my work last month:

- On December 2, we had the third of our meetings with Betsey Monnot to help articulate our purpose and plans for the church and the property.
- Attended the Bishop's Clergy Quiet Day at Bishop's Ranch on December 6.
- Attended my first meeting with the diocesan Board of Trustees in Gridley on December 9.
- Met again with members of the Congregational Development Committee of the diocese for St. Mary's, working toward an understanding of how we might move forward as a parish with the help of the diocese, and an understanding of the diocese's perspective on property-related issues of the parish.
- Pursued the request of the parish and the work of the vestry to communicate with the Congregational Development Committee and Board of Trustees about the assistance we would like the BoT to provide from diocesan funds for our frontage work.
- Presided at eight services this month! Enjoyed putting together and presiding at Advent Lessons and Carols and at Morning Prayer on Sunday, December 24. Especially enjoyed working with the children and their teachers to bring something new to the Christmas Eve family service, and worshipping with those gathered at both services that evening.
- Took three days off the last week of the month and traveled to see family.
- Worked to ensure that our Advent and Christmas observances could be celebrated well by all, and especially attended to my own health and the management of my time and responsibilities to make that happen during this busy month.

Stewardship Team Report:

The congregation collected 155 items for the Adopt-A-Family, we had a wrapping team that got them all ready to go and another team that delivered them to the family. The family was so grateful for all the presents. The items for Chicks In Crisis will be counted, packed up, and delivered this week. We also collected over 1100 items during the coat and backpack drive with items being delivered to the homeless. The Epiphany Game Night had 12 people with lots of fun (and some frustration as Anne continues to dominate in Scrabble). We also kicked off the reverse offering for REDA that will continue through Shrove Tuesday.

Worship Team Report:

The major news from December is that the new Clavinova was purchased, delivered, and set up! There are still some problems to work out in getting the old MIDI files to play on the new instrument, but much progress has been made. Several people have commented about the quality of the new Clavinova's sound, which is much better than the old one!