

Vestry Minutes

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
9085 Calvine Road
Sacramento, CA 95829
May 12, 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*

2018 Vestry Goals: Create a Path to Sustainability ✕

Foster Growth: Spiritual, Commitment, Numbers ✕

Develop a Vision Statement Centered Around the Long-Term Goals of the Congregation

Formation

Vestry Members Present: Richard Lange, Mark Nill, Abe Nyoka, Rod Pugh, Hayley Sharpe, Scott Siers

Officers Present: Lois Anderson

Clergy: Rev. Anne Largent Smith

Visitors Present:

Vestry Members Absent: Al White, Jake Pfau, Bruce Jackson

Monthly Business

- Meeting started at 12:39 pm.
- Consent Agenda: April Minutes, March Financials, Priest-in-Charge report, Junior Warden's report (no others submitted)

Motion: Moved by Scott, seconded by Abe, motion carried, to accept consent agenda as presented.

- Approval of Agenda:
- Vestry Report Assignments for **5/20**
8:00: Richard 10:00: Hayley

Goal Work

- Go through calendar, check how we're doing on progress. (Did not have time to address this)
- Trends (Did not have time to address this)

Decisions

Discussion

- *Treasurer:* Susi will continue to function as our treasurer (She will not have to come to vestry meetings) until we can find a new treasurer.

Information

- *Reserve Study requests:* we have two bids. Browning quote \$1300 and not sure what we will get. Association Reserves quote \$2680 and we know exactly what we are getting. The other bid was \$7000 and we are not considering it at this time. Scott moved that accept the Association

Reserves proposal for the 10 week/\$2680 for completing the reserve assessment. Hayley seconded. Motion carried.

- *Conference: for church growth:* Rev. Anne away June 11-14 in Sewanee, TN for conference. Hayley would like to go. Lois will contribute \$1000 for her expenses and Scott will cover the remainder when we know what that total is.

Doctrine of Discovery, June 17, 6pm speaker to share what the Episcopal church is doing to address this long-lasting issue.

Closing: We will move to the sanctuary for the Mutual Ministry Review.

Adjournment

Closed at 1:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois B. Anderson
Clerk of the Vestry

Consent Agenda

Priest-in-Charge Report for April 2018

Following all the activity of March to bring us through to Easter, April has felt like a rather unremarkable month. I did take a few vacation days following Easter to rest, which were very helpful and restorative for me. Some other highlights:

- Offered the meditation at the diocesan Board of Trustees meeting on April 14. My work with the Board continues, as does my work with the Commission for Intercultural Ministries.
- Received the Letter of Intent, with the help of Kirk Bone, from Woodside, and got the okay from the Standing Committee of the diocese to pursue the negotiations.
- Hosted a small clericus gathering for our deanery here at St. Mary's
- Was able to use discretionary funds to help a young family keep their phone service

Looking ahead:

Property: It's important that the congregation hear from the Vestry about what we are doing and hope to do about the property. I requested your thoughts about how we might communicate with the parish, and have heard from two of you. Scott suggests:

...I think we should hold 1 or 2 parish meetings this year going over our goals and plans in details and the plans to make progress on deciding what to do with this property is one of the three [Vestry] goals. We should have some more details on the advantages and disadvantages on remaining on the

current property versus moving to another location. While I don't want to cause issues in the congregation to start panic, I want to make sure everyone is kept in the loop on our plans.

We need to keep an eye on this and decide when and what is appropriate to share, and seek feedback and input.

Congregational Growth:

I have booked my participation at a conference June 12-14 called "Invite Welcome Connect." I very much hope that this will provide effective new insights to help toward our growth goals. It would be ideal if a team could go—even if just one other person can join me. ***Is this you???*** The wardens have expressed willingness to assist in funding the participation of others; it's a potentially excellent investment in our future.

Finally, I don't like the trends I'm seeing in terms of attendance and participation, particularly in terms of the number of people who choose to worship here at 10 am on Sundays. I am looking for insights on leadership, preaching, congregational involvement, etc. to understand what's going on and work toward a different trend. I would love for us as a church to be able to address the issues and get momentum going in a positive direction. I can't do it alone! What do you see happening? What do you think?

In Christ,
Rev. Anne

Junior Warden's Report for April 2018

The month we held our last Saturday of the month work day at the church. We had 4 people attend (Mark Nill, Al, Taps and Scott) to finish painting the back of the portables. Mark also did lots of trimming of bushes in the front. We once again had no one come to the bible study before the work started. Scott also tried to see if the bulbs were the reason why the portable fluorescents are not working well. That isn't the issue as when the bulbs were replaced, the lights still didn't work. Looks like we need to get an electrician (Jeremy?) in to debug what is going on.

Mark was also able to get the tractor guy to come and cut down most of the weeds on the property. A couple of spots were too wet for the tractor to get but he got most of the weeds knocked down. Construction has started on the west of the property.