

Vestry Minutes
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
June 10, 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

- Fellowship

Vestry Members Present: Bruce Jackson, Richard Lange, Abe Nyoka, Rod Pugh, Scott Siers, Al White.

Officers Present: Lois Anderson

Clergy: Rev. Anne Largent Smith

Visitors Present:

Vestry Members Absent: Mark Nill, Jake Pfau, Hayley Sharpe

Monthly Business

- Meeting started at 11:57 am.
- Opening Prayer – Anne
- Call for additional agenda items
- Approval of Agenda
- Appointment of timekeeper - Al and action item tracker - Scott
- **Vestry Report Assignments for 6/17:** Sunday 8:00: Scott Sunday 10:00: Rod
- Consent Agenda: May Minutes, April Financials, Priest-in-Charge report

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

Formation

- Lectio Divina: 1 Thessalonians 5:11-18

Decisions

- ***Julie Vice application for candidacy*** – Julie is entering the time of candidacy for holy orders and the vestry needs to affirm that. The vestry agreed to sign this document.

Discussion

- ***St. Mary's Day Task Force***--Our traditional celebration is in August. Would like to form a committee to develop this and produce this event, on August 12. Bruce, Rod, Abe, Al

and Mark volunteered to be the leadership for developing this taskforce. It will be a party with food and some worship elements. It will be right after church, a combined worship at 9:00 am. This committee will also develop social events for the rest of the year.

- ***Sidewalk breakage / tripping hazard*** – There are two places that are a tripping hazard. Scott will work with Mark and Al to get bids for the needed work.
- ***Refresher on counting & closing*** – It is the responsibility of the opening and closing Vestry member to make sure that the funds are placed in the safe. Revised procedures have been distributed.

Goal Work

- ***Progress check: Property goal:*** still pursuing the negotiation letter, have developed a new vision statement, have scheduled the reserve assessment, congregational meeting August 19 or 26 between the services. ***Growth goal:*** could not discuss because of absences. ***Sustainability goal:*** Nothing has happened with that yet. We need to have the sustainability goals by next month.
- ***MMR review & tasks*** – Suggestion that the sustainability task force take on these needed goals to help our church in sustainability how-ever, this is more work than the committee can handle. The goals in the MMR do need to be addressed to facilitate the workings of our church. Most of these are long term goals.

Information

- ***Girl Scouts leaving*** – They are combining with another group and no longer need our facilities.
- ***Calendar:***
 - Rev. Anne and Hayley Sharpe away June 11-14 in Sewanee, TN for conference
 - Doctrine of Discovery**, June 17, 6pm
 - Reserve study site visit June 27, 11 am
- ***Investment fund:*** Each member present received a copy of the letter from the Diocesan Investment Committee.
- ***Multicultural festival*** – Do we want our resources going there? The date is August 25. Decision to not participate this year.
- ***Rivercats Games*** – Bruce is looking into arranging events for the church to attend as a group. He will work on this with Jake.

Closing

- Review action items

- Closing Prayer Circle

Adjournment

Closed at 2:03

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois B. Anderson
Clerk of the Vestry

Consent Agenda

Priest-in-Charge Report for May 2018

We finally had some movement this month on conversations with the property developer—meaning I’ve been able to have conversation with Kirk Bone and have emailed with him and Canon Andrea McMillin toward developing a response. As of the beginning of this week, the response still has yet to be drafted.

However, the gist of Kirk’s advice is this: the diocese and parish should together move forward to obtain the entitlements necessary to allow for the sale of the property (the entitlements include rezoning and mapping). This will add value to the property and increase our ability to negotiate a sale should we choose to sell. Kirk has said he will put together a budget for that effort.

I was very pleased to see the Stewardship expanding its activities, through Hayley Sharpe’s suggestion, by planning on-site visits to the charities we support with our donations. The Stewardship Team’s membership has increased to five, with Susi Jacobo-Vice and Hayley joining Diana Siers, Mark Nill, and me. We hope that Ron Zoesch will return to accompanying us in that work when he ends his obligations with the Lutheran Synod.

Clergy Conference in May offered a chance to spend some restorative time at beautiful Bishop’s Ranch. The program this year was offered by Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves of the Diocese of El Camino Real: she challenged us to think about the spiritual practice of authority. Two nuggets I am carrying with me are “Communication is not a competition” and “Who is served by maintaining this confusion?” One of the best programs I can remember for relevance and practical application.

I also learned in May that my application to be on the Transition Committee for the diocese was accepted. This committee will take over from the Search Committee in late fall, once the slate of candidates has been announced. We are responsible for logistics and planning of a number of events and services, for communications about the process, and pastoral care for the

candidates and the outgoing bishop. I applied because of the pastoral care part of the work, and I am hoping to be a shepherd for one of the candidates.

During the past month, I also had the opportunity to help a family in need with transition housing and food, using my discretionary fund. I am thankful to have been entrusted with that aspect of our parish ministry. May it be a blessing!

In Christ,
Rev. Anne