

Vestry Minutes

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

9085 Calvine Road

Sacramento, CA 95829

January 12, 2020

"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*

2019 Goals: Develop a plan to move • Create a new marketing plan

Secure diocesan cooperation and endorsement for our effort to relocate • Revamp hospitality

Formation

- Fellowship

Vestry Members Present: Ruth Carnie, Bruce Jackson, Richard Lange, Jake Pfau, Rod Pugh, Diana Siers.

Officers Present: Lois Anderson, Terry Mah

Visitors Present:

Vestry Members Absent: Ellen Kabaale, Hayley Sharpe

Order of Business

- Meeting started at 11:57 am.
- Approval of Agenda
- Appointment of timekeeper, Jake and action item tracker, Ruth
- **Vestry Report Assignments:** Sunday 9:00: Rod

Consent Agenda: December and Special Meeting Minutes, November Financials, and Officer's Report

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

Update on pledges/compared to budget: Currently, we have \$89400 pledged, with a total of \$92760 budgeted income for 2020. This is \$3360 below our budget amount of needed funds.

Discussion on Annual Meeting Needs/Flow: Agenda was reviewed. People have volunteered to bring food. Jake will set up in the lobby – table, dishes, napkins, silverware and food as it arrives.

December Financials: Terry presented the December and Year end Financials. Because of one large donation, we ended the year with a smaller deficit than expected. Ruth moved, Bruce seconded that we accept the December and Year End Financials. Motion carried.

Update on Banners: Bishop Ben and Kate will have a special Diocesan Banner made in the Philippines while they are there. This they will donate to St. Mary's to hang in the sanctuary. They will also get a quote to make a new St. Mary's Banner. They will contact Diana with the information. If it is a savings from the quote we are currently working with, we will have it made and pay for it with the donated funds from our parishioners.

Bishop Ben Becoming an Associate: He is working with the Diocese. St. Mary's needs to send a letter of recommendation to have him as an associate priest. Jake moved, Richard seconded, that we recommend Bishop Ben Botengan as an associate priest to St. Mary's. Motion carried. Lois will contact Fr. Ray for his guidance and advice, and she will compose the needed document.

Kathy's Endorsement to the Deaconate: Rod moved; Ruth seconded that we endorse Kathy Lawler to the transitional diaconate. Motion carried.

Review of Goals:

1. Develop a plan to move. Developing the plan hit a stop when it came to the Bishop's Office. Had a meeting in September that went well but, then heard nothing more from them.
2. Create a new marketing plan. Started working on website and Facebook. Met twice with Todd Bruce to help us.
3. Secure diocesan cooperation and endorsement for our effort to relocate. This is part of goal number one, with the same result.
4. Revamp hospitality. Improvement with greeters and ushers. Tried Invitation Sunday's.

Review of Past Year: What Worked? Liked working with Fr. Todd, see if we can get him again. More awareness of hospitality. Meetings ran well, no crosstalk, felt comfortable to express differences. Communication improved between meetings. Website looks better.

What Didn't Work? Moving supply priest funds over to priest-in-charge. Keeping a priest. Invitation Sunday follow up was too much (one person received three calls). Baseball night didn't work as well as the year before; more lead in time is needed. Would like more routine social-fellowship opportunities for us to get to know each other better.

Special Thanks: Special Thankyous go out to Jake, Rod and Richard for their years of service to the St. Mary's Vestry.

Closing

Review action items

Adjournment

Closed at 1:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois B. Anderson
Clerk of the Vestry

Consent Agenda

Senior Warden's Report

December brought us some joyous occasions celebrating Advent and two wonderful Christmas Eve Services. Our first of three worship leaders had her ordination to the priesthood – which gave her the ability to serve on Christmas Eve at the last minute. I continue to try and work with the diocese, specifically Canon Andrea to move onto the next steps. She is unable to meet with us at this vestry meeting, but I have told her she needs to step up a meeting with us before, or on, our next Vestry meeting in February. I am thankful for the help, support, and prayers from all. Goodbye to Richard, Rod, and Jake, your voices will be missed.

Junior Warden's Report

No report this month