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Agenda

Annual Meeting 2016
January 29, 2017

Opening Song

All Are Welcome (Gather 741)

Opening Prayer

Rev. Anne Smith

Voting Instructions

Nominations from the Floor

Introduction of Candidates

Selection of Tellers

Polls Open

Blessing of the Food

Lunch and Voting

Approval of Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting

Ratification of Vestry Vote to Change Bylaws

Presentation of Mission Activity Reports

- Support of Mission – Rev. Anne (Rector's Report)
- Network – Susi Jacobo-Vice (Treasurer's Report)
- Outreach - Evangelism – Julie Vice
- Welcome – Carl King and Julie Vice (Junior Wardens' Report)
- Worship – Kristin
- Fellowship & Hospitality – Mary Ann Renzi
- Formation – Barb Nill
- Outreach - Giving – Diana Siers (Senior Warden's Report)

Thanks and Acknowledgements

Installation of New Vestry Members and Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Closing Song

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Dismissal

New and continuing members of the Vestry are asked to remain for a brief meeting.

Regarding Ratification of Vestry Vote to Change Bylaws

In December 2016, the Vestry voted unanimously to strike section 6.8 from the parish bylaws. This is the complete text:

6.8 Order of Business at Vestry Meetings

- a. Call to order
- b. Prayer
- c. Roll Call
- d. Reading and approval or amendment of the minutes of the preceding meeting
- e. Communications from the rector
- f. Report of the Treasurer
- g. Committee reports
- h. Unfinished business
- i. New business
- j. Prayer
- k. Adjournment

The congregation is asked to ratify the vote of the Vestry so that the bylaws may be thus amended.

Discussion:

The Vestry prefers a different order of business, one described in Neal O. Michell's *Beyond Business as Usual* and also recommended by the diocese. This preferred order makes use of a consent agenda and structures decisions to ensure that sufficient time is taken for reflection.

Moreover, it may be argued that the order of business at Vestry meetings is not a question that must be prescribed by parish bylaws.

Commissioning for Lay Ministries in the Church

The Ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons. Lay persons are commissioned for their ministry by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, and no form of commissioning for special functions is necessary. The form which follows is intended for use when a public recognition of a special function is desired.

After the Examination, each group of candidates is presented separately by an appointed sponsor.

When the number of candidates for any office is large, it is sufficient to say the sentence of commissioning once over the entire group, but it is desirable that each person be greeted individually.

The Examination

The congregation being seated, the celebrant stands in full view of the people. The sponsors and candidates stand facing the celebrant.

The Celebrant says these or similar words

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission *[Nn.]* in the Name of God and of this congregation to the special ministries to which they are called.

The Celebrant asks the sponsor or sponsors

Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of God's Church?

Sponsor **I believe they are.**

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidate **I will.**

Celebrant Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Candidate **I will.**

The Commissioning

1. Wardens and Members of the Vestry

Sponsor I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Member of the Vestry in this congregation.

Congregational Antiphon

The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

Celebrant I am your servant; grant me understanding:

Vestry **That I may know your decrees.**

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Name of God and of this congregation. I commission you as Members of the Vestry in this Parish.

2. Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Sponsor I present to you these persons, duly elected by the people of this parish as Delegates to the Diocesan Convention, to be commissioned for their ministry.

Congregational Antiphon

Call a solemn assembly, gather the people, assemble the elders, and sanctify the congregation.

Celebrant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

Delegates **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Eternal Lord God, who by the Holy Spirit presided at the council of the Apostles to guide them in all knowledge and truth: Be present with the Delegates of this parish to be assembled in Diocesan Convention. In the passions of debate give them a quiet spirit, in the complexities of the issues give them clear minds, and in the moments of decision give them courageous hearts. Guide them in all things to seek only your glory and the good of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you Delegates to Diocesan Convention.

Rector, Staff, and Officers Reports

Rector's Annual Report

Submitted by: The Rev. Anne Largent Smith

There is so much gratitude in my heart for the people of St. Mary's and the ways that you serve the Lord in our congregation and our world. God has blessed me in allowing me to journey with you and lead among you, and the leadership and ministry I've witnessed on your part are awesome. Heartfelt thanks for your support, encouragement, and dedication go to Diana Siers, Julie Vice, Kathy Lawler, Lois Anderson, Susi Jacobo-Vice, ~~Carl King~~, Mark and Barb Nill, Mary Ann Renzi, JoAnn Vice, Carl King, Karen Lawler, Kristin Holt, and Lori Hill—to name only a few! I am proud of the work the Vestry has done this year, and I thank each of the members for the hours they've given, the thought and care, and the courage they've shown. To Diana, Julie, Carl, Mark, Karen, Patti Mangabay, Judy Cullum, Carol McElheney, and Harriett McKinnis: thank you. Thank you for raising your voices and sharing your gifts. Thank you for answering God's call to serve as leaders of this parish.

After two years at St. Mary's, I feel much more knowledgeable about and integrated into the parish, so that we have increasingly been able to address more of the business of the parish that may have been in a holding pattern for a while. We tackled many questions about the building and grounds in 2016, and have provided consistent care for our landscaping and wild vegetation, gotten the lawnmower into better shape, capped the well on the undeveloped property, and corrected some electrical issues. We've started looking to the future and asking how we can attend to many other issues the building has, such as moisture trapped beneath. We're wrestling with how to deal with the vandalism and theft that keep occurring, how we can deal with the county's requirements for widening the street and moving utilities at the front edge of our property before we can develop anything else, and what to do with the barn. We're looking for ways to begin realizing some of our dreams for our property as well as care well for what we already have.

Why so much focus on the property? A few reasons, some legal: the county has issued warnings about mowing and cutting back the wild vegetation out there to keep the property safe from fire. The county has also required us to obtain a permit for the unused well, which needed to be capped, and we have a little more than a year before we will have to either put that well to use or destroy it. Insurance and liability concerns also come into play. Keeping the property up and keeping it safe is just one part of our work of stewardship. Neglect is generally cheap to start with, but can run a high cost over the long run. But we also must be good neighbors, and we must extend a welcoming invitation to anyone who might come to St. Mary's. Maintaining the building and grounds are foundational to that work. These are also things we want to do at St. Mary's. We want to use our property for our activities as a church. We want to be able to worship outside, hold events, and build the church up. We want to use what we have to glorify and serve God. We must spend an appropriate portion of our resources, both human and capital, to ensure that our assets serve our mission.

Many other aspects of our life together are on my heart as well. I hope in the year to come to strengthen our efforts toward evangelism, to help St. Mary's grow into a place where more people discover God's saving grace, where more people are enabled to worship, taught to pray, and strengthened in their faith so that they can bring the light of Jesus into every corner of our world. I hope to form an Evangelism Team to see to some of that work. I also want to continue and increase what we're already doing to be a witness, including efforts to give to others and to be involved in the greater community; learning about our faith and being formed as disciples; nurturing our life of prayer and discerning God's call to us; welcoming and incorporating new members to the parish. I'm excited about the way our new Who Is My Neighbor? series has already connected us with other members of our community, teaching us more about Muslims and Sikhs, and drawing in brothers and sisters from the United Methodist Church and perhaps beyond. The series will continue this year, and I hope build bridges between us and many segments of our community whom we may be able to serve and would be glad to get to know.

St. Mary's has many strengths that I want to celebrate and encourage. We work hard to offer Spirit-filled worship services. Please see the Worship Ministries and Community Worship Services reports in these pages for more detail about what it takes to offer worship opportunities—many people give much for this purpose, and more are needed! This is such an important and joyful part of our parish life.

I am also pleased that we love and support children, nurturing them in the faith through our Sunday school, youth services, and Kids Kamp. This community radiates love for our young people. This is another area where people volunteer many hours and much energy to serve our mission, and where more help is needed. I hope this year to support many of our youth and young adults in joining the Diocese's Pathways trip focusing on themes of injustice, struggle, healing, and reconciliation. I pray that we may serve our youth and children well as we pass on the faith from generation to generation.

St. Mary's does great work in giving back to the community, which I know is a source of joy for many of us here and for those to whom we give. I want to see us continue to do these good works. We must recognize the efforts it takes for leaders to give us these opportunities, and not only acknowledge and thank them, but also join them. There are many areas at St. Mary's where more leaders are needed for us to sustain and grow what we do. I pray that God would draw more people to serve in these areas—outreach as well as Sunday school, worship ministries, coffee hour, maintenance, etc. Whatever God is calling us to! Just a few hours a month can make a huge difference!

To all those who have given and do give, thank you. For all those who join in the life of this parish, I ask God's blessing upon you. May we continue to grow in love of God, one another, and all of God's creation.

Blessings of peace be with you all.

Senior Warden's Annual Report

Submitted by: Diana Siers

2016 has been a year of stability and growth. We have had new families that have joined us. We have a Stewardship Team that has started a year-round stewardship program. We have a book club that meets Tuesdays at lunch and has grown over the year. We continued with our outreach programs that also seemed to grow with more people getting involved. We started a new series to learn about different groups in our area called "Who is ~~Our~~ My Neighbor?" – looking forward to seeing more speakers in 2017. Our adult education changed into series that were led by different people throughout the year and were a great way to get more people involved with this program. Our sacristy project that we have been working on for several years is finally coming together. We've had an electrician come in and start with upgrades and lighting that we needed for this project and just, in general, the church needed. We received quotes from 3 contractors and vestry has approved the task force to choose a contractor and to move forward with the project. We had many fellowship opportunities throughout the year (or stewardship of relationship) that ranged from potlucks to ~~a fellowship~~ fellowship team ~~produced meals putting on for everybody~~ with good turnouts for all. At the last vestry meeting, we approved the formation of a Buildings and Grounds Team. I look forward to what this team will get accomplished in the next year.

It's been an exciting time to be involved with St. Mary's. I really love all of the opportunities we have to be involved. There's opportunities to further our growth in the life of the church, to further our work in helping those around us who are less fortunate, and to get to know each other a little better. There is something for everyone and I hope that as we enter 2017, you will take the opportunity and try something new.

Co-Junior Warden's Annual Report

Submitted by: Carl King

During the past year the Junior Warden's duties were shared by Julie Vice and ~~Carl King, myself.~~ My major areas of focus were on the grounds and maintenance.

The major achievements for 2016 were:

- Coordinating the project to cap the unused well and getting approval from the City on the completed repairs;
- Organizing and hiring a landscaper to clean up the Church grounds in late Spring;
- Implementing a lawn and garden maintenance service contract;
- Establishing a garden for the kids; and
- Repairing the window of the portables to improve the security as we continue to face continuing attacks from vandals

Areas for Improvements in 2017

- Improve the irrigation of the garden and shrubs;
- Continue to look at innovative low cost solutions to improve our security problems; and
- Prevent the trees from dying and replace the ones that died.

Co-Junior Warden's Annual Report

Submitted by: Julie Vice

Hello Friends!!

As you can imagine, with a church that was converted from an old farm house and sitting on 5 acres of property the maintenance jobs are never done. This year has also been challenging as the church has continued to have trouble with break ins. We had the barn, the storage container, and the classrooms (on two separate occasions) broken into. As you can imagine, working toward protecting our people and property has been a top concern and priority. While desiring to not make this church feel like a fortress.

We have been able to do some preventive work which has included new lighting around the entire exterior of the building and behind the classrooms, as well as lighting the area up to the barn. These lights are LED which will provide lighting in the most cost efficient and environmentally responsible manner as well. We have also worked with the alarm company and have alarmed the classrooms separately, in an attempt to better secure the church.

This year we have also re-stripped the parking lot and have replaced the electrical panel which has been in need of replacement for several years. We are also working with the electrician and contractors to create a true sacristy, move the office into the east half of the current nursery room, and making the Noah Room the fellowship area by placing the stove in that room for use at events such as Shrove Tuesday, Oktoberfest, and our monthly CommUnity potlucks.

We also have been working on getting the lawnmower functional and Carl has worked with the landscaper about making the grounds look more hospitable.

So, while there continues to be much work to do, it seems that we were able to get several things accomplished. I will continue to work next year with the new Buildings and Grounds team as they resolve additional matters.

In God's grace.

Annual Report of the Vestry for 2016

Submitted by: Lois Anderson, Clerk of the Vestry

~~And~~ and Hayley Sharpe, ~~long term~~ subacting Clerk

- Your vestry has been very busy this past year, working on many projects. Most of these required several months to research and implement and some are still in the developing stage.
- Sent four congregants to the Collage for Congregational Development. This a Diocesan sponsored training on church functioning.
- Renewed the contract with Tim for the flea market he holds on our front lawn twice a month, weather permitting.
- Authorized altar Guild to purchase new linens and make needed repairs to improve how they function.
- Up-graded our office equipment, replacing the copier and adding a folding machine to aid in the production of the bulletins.
- After making the needed repairs to the sidewalk, the county inspected our site and we are now able to be a voting site again.
- Had to replace our landscaper as they did not show for some time. A new one has been hired. We are satisfied with the service and will continue on a month to month basis.
- Had the parking lot restriped. We can see where the parking places are now!
- Authorized a Girl Scout Troop to use our facilities for their meetings.
- Officially made the well on the east property inoperable and compliant with all the county regulations.
- Participated in the Elk Grove Multicultural Festival and the Elk Grove Western Festival.
- Considered replacing or repairing our old lawnmower. It was more cost effective to repair and that has been accomplished.
- Accepted the donation of a new computer for the office.
- ~~Hired~~ Hired an electrician to make all needed electrical repairs. The main fuse box has been replaced and
- ~~M~~more outside lighting has been added.
- Accepted a proposal from Al White offer a free barbeque meal on the fourth Sunday of every month starting in February 2017. This will be available to the church members and the community.
- ~~Developed a proposal for amending~~ Approved an amendment to the by-laws to be voted on (ratified) at the annual meeting.
- Ongoing dealing with the numerous instances of vandalism and robbery.

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Financial Statement of Mission Explanation

~~Explanation~~ by Rev. Anne Smith

What we do with our money is an expression of who we are, and how we understand ourselves to be doing the work God has called us to as a Christian community. This is our story.

In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus says to us:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

I hear Jesus telling us what our work is, and assuring us that he will be with us in it at every turn. So, every day we ask in faith: how will I go about doing the work God has called me to do? Or in the case of St. Mary's, how will we go about it?

Thus, we developed this Financial Statement of Mission. Financial support is designated for

1. Outreach – Evangelism. Financially, the church can work to make new disciples by drawing people in to the church, and giving them an experience of what we've discovered about God through our tradition. Advertising, promotional efforts, and CommUnity are all designed to aid in this work.
2. Welcome. We welcome people into God's family wherever we are, but the place we choose to gather is the primary location for our common life. Maintaining a church building that is attractive, suitable, and safe is part of how we welcome people. Thus, expenses for buildings and grounds, utilities, capital expenditures (as for a sump pump), and associated insurance and taxes all support this aspect of our mission.
3. Worship. Worship is at the core of what we do. As we gather, we stand in awe of God together. We pray. We thank God, we lament, we hope, we learn together, etc.! in the context of worship. We feed each other and praise the source of life and love. Financial support for worship includes the furnishings and tools we use as well as staff to lead us in song and support parents who wish to join in even when their children are young and have many needs.
4. Fellowship & Hospitality. In order to build up the community of God, we get to know each other. We do things to foster loving relationships among the disparate people who find themselves visiting here or at home. From the beginning, time together, and especially time spent sharing a meal, has been a central element of the life of discipleship. So, we designate funds for coffee hour supplies and for meals and celebrations together.
5. Formation. God calls us to grow. Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow him. The Holy Spirit whispers to our hearts and minds still. We must become attuned to the voice of God, and help each other live out our faith and become more and more the people God intends for us to be. Thus, we support efforts to shape us as disciples, including efforts to train our leaders and to become better stewards of God's bounty, as well the familiar work of Sunday school and Adult Formation.

6. Network. No Episcopal church exists alone. St. Mary's exists within a network of people who support us, and whom we support. The parish, like all parishes, is overseen by a bishop, with on-site leaders working in this particular place for the common purpose of the wider church. Our apportionment is the part of our income we share so that we have a bishop and his office staff to administer the diocese and engage in many kinds of work from which we benefit, directly and indirectly. "Network" funds support our administration of the parish on behalf of the bishop, and our interactions with the broader church when we gather and work together beyond the parish.
7. Support of Mission. All of the above is enabled by the staff and the infrastructure we maintain. Many administrative and sacramental functions are served by our priests and our office staff and equipment. Some of this support is provided by volunteers, but paid and well-equipped staff do much to make everything else we do possible.
8. Outreach – Giving. A thriving congregation overflows into the community with blessings of many kinds. As neighbors, family members, citizens, strangers, we as Christians may bless those we meet in any number of ways. The church can also bless the community by giving financially. We donate to worthy causes whose mission is in line with ours and furthers the work of building God's kingdom. We support the students we send out into the community to get their education and become positive contributors to society. We support the causes the church has identified by giving toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals and supporting our provincial seminary. As a parish, we can offer a tithe just as individuals are called to. This year we're starting with a goal of giving 3%, with the aim of increasing our percentage in the future.

The way we spend our money tells a story about who we are. Pray that our story is one of loving and serving God with all that we have, and all that we do. God is good. All the time.

Notes from the Treasurer

Submitted by: Susi Vice

The 2016 St. Mary's Budget was based on St. Mary's having a Part-Time Priest-in-Charge. In order for St. Mary's to cover all operating costs, and keep current on our Promissory Note payments to the Diocese, \$4,144 of Undesignated Reserve Funds would need to be used.

In 2016 the Vestry approved a number of expenses that resulted in Non-Payroll Expenses being greater than expected. Payroll Expenses were less than expected, due to not having a Child Care person, and the Priest-in-Charge having medical coverage elsewhere. Net result was expenses being over budget by \$2,226.58.

Income was \$9,917.82 greater than expected, \$5,819.42 from Investment Income and the rest from Miscellaneous Income. So instead of using the \$4,144 of Undesignated Reserve Funds, we added \$3,547.24 to the fund.

At the end of 2015, St. Mary's had Undesignated Funds of \$174,385.50.
At the end of 2016, St. Mary's had Undesignated Funds of \$177,932.74.
Increase of \$3,547.24.

2016 Profit & Loss	
Income	
A - Pledge & Plate Offerings	124,456.33
B - Investment Income	5,821.50
C - Rental & Fundraising Income	7,641.41
D - Misc Operating Income	4,948.58
Total Income	142,867.82
Expense	
Adult Formation	100.05
Advertising and Promotion	828.99
Apportionment	15,093.00
Building and Grounds	8,668.88
Capital Expense	4,922.80
CCD	2,250.00
Child & Youth Formation	344.39
CommUnity	1,281.82
Convention	255.00
Diocesan Requirements	377.68
Equipment Lease	2,256.68
Growth & Opportunity	199.99
Hospitality & Fellowship	413.40
Insurance & Taxes	5,542.32
Misc Operating Expense	3,027.08
Music/Video Expense	913.26
Office Expense	3,864.77
Outreach	500.00
Payroll Expenses	60,609.00
Postulant Support	1,125.00
Priest Funds	3,435.29
Rental Income Expense	960.00
Scholarship	1,000.00
Supply - Clergy	4,590.00
Telephone & DSL	2,390.53
Utilities	5,368.73
Worship & Altar Expense	1,057.92
Total Expense	131,376.58
Net Ordinary Income	11,491.24
Other Expense - DNC Promissory-Principal	-7,944.00
-----Net Income	<u>3,547.24</u>

2016 Budget vs Actual

	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	
Budgeted Income:			
Pledges	\$ 110,050	\$ 114,022	
Givers of Record / Plate	\$ 15,200	\$ 10,434	
Fundraising/Scrip	\$ 4,700	\$ 4,866	
Rental Income	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,775	
Total Income	\$ 132,950	\$ 132,097	
Budgeted Expenses:			
Adult Formation	\$ 100	\$ 100	
Advertising	\$ 750	\$ 829	
Apportionment	\$ 15,800	\$ 15,093	
Building & Grounds	\$ 4,550	\$ 8,669	
Child & Youth Formation	\$ 100	\$ 344	
CommUnity	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,282	
Convention	\$ 300	\$ 255	
Diocesan Requirement	\$ 700	\$ 378	
Equipment Lease	\$ 1,650	\$ 2,257	
Growth & Opportunity	\$ 200	\$ 200	
Hospitality Expense	\$ 400	\$ 413	
Insurance & Taxes	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,542	
Music/Video Resources	\$ 1,100	\$ 913	
Office Expense	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,865	
Outreach	\$ 500	\$ 500	
Payroll Expense	\$ 67,700	\$ 60,609	
Postulant Support	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,125	
Priest-in-Charge Funds	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,435	
Rental Income Expense	\$ 960	\$ 960	
Scholarship	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	
Supply Clergy	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,590	
Telephone & DSL	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,391	
Utilities	\$ 4,640	\$ 5,369	
Worship	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,058	
Total Expense	\$ 129,150	\$ 121,177	
Net Deficit/Excess	\$ 3,800	\$ 10,920	
Non Budget Income	\$ -	\$ 10,771	(+)
Debt Reduction	\$ 7,944	\$ 7,944	(-)
Non Budget Expenses	\$ -	\$ 10,200	(-)
Net Cash Flow	\$ (4,144)	\$ 3,547	

Balance Sheet
December 31. 2016

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

100 General Checking	388.06
200 Designated Savings	66,965.88
210 Memorial Fund CD	11,046.18

Building Funds

220 Smith Barney Cash	55,556.93
310 Building Fund Savings	5,168.24
325 Building Fund CD (41)	<u>8,067.26</u>
Total Building Funds	68,792.43

Investment Fund (Diocese)	<u>135,103.11</u>
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Total Checking/Savings	<u>282,295.66</u>
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Total Current Assets	282,295.66
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Fixed Assets

Land	<u>119,049.00</u>
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Total Fixed Assets	<u>119,049.00</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>401,344.66</u></u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY**Liabilities****Current Liabilities****Other Current Liabilities**

Promissory Note - DNC 7,944.00

Total Other Current Liabilities 7,944.00

Total Current Liabilities 7,944.00

Long Term Liabilities

Promissory Note - DNC Long
Term

86,611.00

Total Long Term Liabilities 86,611.00

Total Liabilities 94,555.00

Equity

Building Fund 68,792.43

Designated Funds

Audio/Visual Equipment 1,500.00

Camp Noel Porter 592.00

Capital Fund 1,533.79

Columbarium 4,011.97

CommUnity 2,411.95

Financial Peace University 373.07

Flags 152.64

Flowers 660.36

Kids Kamp 1,493.73

Memorial Fund 14,950.86

Outreach 2,722.65

Rector Sabbatical Fund 2,100.00

Sharlyn Norman Memorial 1,000.00

SMARTS 1,017.82

Youth 1,049.65

Total Designated Funds 35,570.49

Unrestricted Funds 174,385.50

Unrestricted Net Asset-Property 24,494.00

Net Income 3,547.24

Total Equity 306,789.66

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 401,344.66

2016 Outreach Funds Report

Adopt-A-Family	\$ 530.00
Child Spree	\$1,862.00
Domestic & Foreign Ministry	\$ 175.00
Episcopal Relief & Development	\$ 395.50
The Center at St. Matthews	\$1,625.00
United Thank Offering	\$ 462.50

Pledge Reports for 2017 and 2016

Pledge Report for 2017

\$108,700	Budgeted Pledge Income
\$107,610	Actual Pledge Amount
37	Number of Pledges
\$ 2,908	Average Pledge Amount

Pledge Report for 2016

\$110,050	Budgeted Pledge Income
\$112,050	Actual Pledge Amount
32	Number of Pledges
\$ 3,501	Average Pledge Amount

2017 Financial Statement of Mission

Expenses		\$157,723
Outreach – Evangelism		\$2,320
Advertising & Promotion	1,320	
CommUnity	1,000	
Welcome		\$28,050
Building & Grounds	7,250	
Capital Expense	8,000	
Insurance & Taxes	6,200	
Rental Income Expense		
Utilities	6,600	
Worship		\$18,330
Music	4,100	
Payroll – Music Director	11,630	
Payroll – Nursery Care	1,600	
Worship & Altar Expense	1,000	
Fellowship		\$2,000
Hospitality & Fellowship	2,000	
Formation		\$8,875
Adult Formation	1,600	
CCD	2,800	
Child & Youth Formation	100	
Postulant Support	4,125	
Stewardship	250	
Network		\$20,725
Apportionment	19,400	
Convention	300	
Diocesan Requirements	700	
Vestry Materials	325	
Support of Mission		\$73,523
Equipment Lease	2,400	
Office Expenses	3,500	
Payroll - Priest	43,989	
Payroll - Parish Secretary	9,250	
Payroll Taxes & Fees	2,384	
Priest Funds	4,000	
Supply Clergy	5,000	
Telephone & DSL	2,400	
Workers Comp Insurance	600	

2017 Financial Statement of Mission		
Expenses (cont.)		
Outreach - 3%		\$3,900
Outreach	690	
Sustainable Development Goals – 0.7%	910	
Seminary Support	1,300	
Scholarship	1,000	
Income		\$129,330
Pledges	108,700	
Plate/Giver of Record	12,030	
Fundraising/Scrip	2,600	
Rental Income	6,000	
Summary		
Expenses	\$157,723	
Income	\$129,330	
Expenses Less Income	\$28,393	
Debt Reduction	\$7,944	
Use of Reserve Funds	\$36,337	

SAINT MARY’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
29th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES
January 31, 2016

We began our day with a combined Worship service at 9:00 a.m. As it was a fifth Sunday, it was Youth Sunday

Opening - Meeting opened at 10:15 a.m.

Opening prayer - Offered by Rev. Anne Smith

Voting instructions - how to vote and who can vote introduced by Rev. Anne Smith

Nominations from the floor for Vestry and Convention Delegates - There were none. Nominations declared closed.

Brief introduction of the candidates: Vestry - Carl King, Karen Lawler, Mark Nill, Julie Vice. Four candidates for four slots. Delegates - Carl King, Kathy Lawler, Julie Vice. Three candidates for two slots and one alternate.

Select tellers: By Priest in charge - David Gleason, by vestry - Ellen Kabaale, by prior two - Scott Siers.

Polls Opened - Polls declared open at 10:14

Youth Presentation - Sunday School Youth presented "Friendship Salad", an original tale about our students which resulted in a loving salad for all to share during our pot luck.

Art Wall: Karen Lawler explained the concept of the art wall. Where have you experienced the Holy Spirit at work in this parish in the past year?

Blessing of food - A blessing of our pot-luck brunch was offered by Rev Anne Smith

Break - One hour fellowship and reflection: Vote, eat, participate in adding to the art wall.

Reconvened - Meeting reconvened at 11:14 pm

Picture - Gather for group picture

Closing of Polls - Polls declared closed at 11:20 pm - tellers sent to count

Approval of minutes of last year's Annual Meeting - Harriet McKinnis moved, Mark Nill seconded. Motion carried.

Report on Book Study: *Lois Anderson:* Urged more to join and shared how it can make a difference in each of our lives.

Report on Special Fellowship Events: *Mary Ann Renzi:* Presented a play illustrating working together and told the story of how we finally had the opportunity to share a fellowship coffee hour after each service. Unrolled a scroll that listed 47 people from our congregation who have helped on Fellowship event. Also, read the list of those who have faithfully brought goodies for our fellowship coffee hour.

Report on Evening Prayer: *Lynn Holman, Kathy Lawler:* Explained about evening prayer and invited all to attend. The service each month is written by the leaders and focuses on a theme special to the time of year. Lynn also reported on the stations of the cross being offered on each Friday evening during lent. Each week will be a different reading/version of the stations.

Report on CommUnity and Outreach: *Julie Vice:* Explained a little about the CommUnity service and urged everyone to give it a try. She also covered a little about some of the many ways we have to reach out to help others.

Report on Western Festival: *Scott Siers:* Western Festival is April 30 and May 1. We have again been invited to staff the parking gates. This is an easy fundraiser for us. There will be a Christian concert on Saturday and we are asked to staff for an additional shift for this event for an additional \$500.00. Sign up now!

Report on Youth Sunday School: *Barbara Nill:* Thanked the congregation for being so willing to incorporate the youth of our congregation. Asked everyone to consider giving some time to help to educate the youth during Sunday School.

Report on Altar Guild: *JoAnn Vice, Patti Mangabay:* Thanked Paula Sink and Frances Hartzog for the wonderful job they had been doing on altar guild before they had to leave us. There is a manual that explains everything which Lynn Holman put together. Would like to establish four teams of two people so everyone only has to serve once a month. Thanked those who make the communion bread, wash the linens, purchase and arrange the flowers. Training will be provided to anyone who offers to join.

Report on Music Program: *Kristin Holt:* She has now been with us for exactly one year! Appreciates working with Rev. Anne. Have a wonderful teen core of singers and would love to add some adults.

Tellers Report Election Results: New vestry members: Carl King, Karen Lawler, Mark Nill, Julie Vice. Delegates: Elected Julie Vice, Kathy Lawler with Carl King as alternate, with a reserved spot for the Senior Warden.

Financial Reports and Budget: *Susi Jacobo-Vice:* Susi explained her reports incorporated in the annual report.

Junior Warden's Report: *David Gleason:* Read from the Catechism about the role of laity in the church. Urged all to consider their role at St. Mary's

Senior Warden's Report: *Diana Siers:* Thanked all who have contributed in so many ways to what makes St. Mary's the special place it is.

Priest-in-Charge's Report: *The Rev. Anne Largent Smith:* We have made some changes, some have gone well and some have not. We need to keep moving on through all these changes. She has now experienced a full year with us and will approach the next year with more confidence because of knowing what makes us special as the community of St. Mary's. Asking all to keep an open mind about all that we do here as you pray. Gave thanks to a few of those who have contributed to this parish. The associate priests – Fr. Coloma, Fr. Potter, Pastor Ron. Barbara Nill for the fabulous service she has given to the children and this parish. Mary Ann Renzi for all her contributions to the fellowship of this parish and her contributions to the outreach of this community. Julie Vice for all her contributions through CommUnity, Christian concert and so many ways of reaching out to others. Lynn Holman for all her contributions and especially for sharing her talents by teaching the Adult Forum. The outgoing Vestry – Frances Hartzog, Carl King, Ellen Kabaale, David Gleason. Continuing officers are Senior Warden – Diana Siers, Treasurer – Susi Jacobo-Vice, Clerk – Lois Anderson.

Installation - New Vestry and Delegates to Diocesan Convention were officially installed to assume their new duties. A special thanks to all those who have consented to serve as vestry and delegates for this year.

Song: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Dismissal - Congregation dismissed at 12:35 pm; new Vestry convenes for brief meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois B. Anderson, Clerk of the Vestry

Ministries and Organizations Reports

Outreach – Evangelism

CommUnity Annual Report

Submitted by Julie Vice

CommUnity has completed its fifth year of good and faithful worship! If you haven't joined us in the past I encourage you to come and see what CommUnity is about. It would be a great service for you to invite a friend or co-worker to attend with you. While it is a contemporary service it is grounded in the Episcopal tradition, a great way to introduce an un-churched friend to St. Mary's.

On the fourth Saturday of every month, we share in the Holy Eucharist and after the service have a Holy Spirit Potluck. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some fellowship with each other. On those months with a fifth Saturday, we have a Youth Service followed by an Ice Cream Social. This is another great opportunity for some fellowship and we always welcome our children and youth to be part of the service. We love to hear the voices of your future, either in reading the lessons and prayers or singing. All are welcome to participate!!

We continue to seek ways to take our community of St. Mary's to the larger community around us. This year we did the following:

- We **collected and distributed** coats, backpacks, socks, underwear, gloves, hats, etc. for our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness. In addition, we collected and distributed toiletries and snacks. This year we collected over 500 items (up from 381 last year). Thank you to all who donated to this outreach opportunity, we had donations from within the church as well as donations from people in our community.

We went to our regular location near the Union Gospel Mission off Richards Blvd in Sacramento. On our way home, we stumbled upon a larger community of folks near Loaves & Fishes, we hope to make that an additional distribution location this coming year. It was great to have more people join us this year, we are always looking for friends to join us.

- We **helped wrap and deliver** Christmas gifts to our Adopt-A-Family. As we have experienced in the past, this year's family was so grateful. We delivered gifts to a mom and her six children. Tears and hugs were shared all around.
- We **took CommUnity on the road**. While we are actively seeking a place outside the church walls to have a regular service, this year we were able to do services at both St. George's Episcopal Church in Carmichael and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Sacramento. We are grateful for the opportunities to share CommUnity.

We look forward to another year of worship and fellowship. We hope to see you any given Saturday at 6:00 pm. Come and See!

God is Good!

Festivals

Submitted by: The Rev. Anne Largent Smith

We participated in two city festivals in 2016. The Western Festival continues to be an opportunity for us to raise funds for the church and to be a visible presence in the community. Those who have St. Mary's shirts can wear them to identify us, and we also produced a paper to hand to people who paid for parking, with the text "Thank you for attending the 2016 Western Festival. This paid parking receipt provided to you by St. Mary's Episcopal Church" and giving our contact information. We thank Lois Anderson for designing the flyer, and all those who volunteered to cover all our shifts at the festival. It's an important fundraiser for us, and an important way for us to be visible in the community.

The second festival we participated in was the Elk Grove Multicultural Festival in August. We had a booth with information about our church and invitations to our first Labyrinth Walk for Peace and Understanding and our Annual Trunk or Treat. Thanks to Karen and Kathy Lawler, Dave and Hayley Sharpe, Pastor Ron Zoesch, Julie and Susi Vice, Carol McElheney and everyone who supported our presence that day.

Trunk or Treat

Submitted by: Julie Vice

Despite a soggy front lawn and a little rain, CommUnity hosted our 5th Annual Trunk-or-Treat. Because we couldn't use the front lawn, we set the trunks up along the gravel driveway behind the portables. We weren't able to setup as many games as we did last year, but that didn't keep the children from having a great time.

This year we had approximately 250 children and families join us. They came from 24 different zip codes, many who had joined us in years past but also some first-time participants who said they would be back next year.

We couldn't have put on this great event without the numerous volunteers from St. Mary's. Including those who had trunks, those who helped with games, those who helped with the Welcome Table, those who took pictures, and especially those who jumped in and helped with parking!! Moving the trunks to the back of the property minimized our parking and amazingly we were able to get everyone in and out with no accidents!! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

In addition to the St. Mary's volunteers, this year we had three friends from the greater community do trunks. Two of them contacted us via Facebook and were so excited to participate despite the rain. We look forward to having them join us again in 2017!!

You as well can join us on Sunday, **October 29, 2017**, save the date!

God is Amazingly Good!

Worship

Worship Ministries Annual Report

Submitted by: The Rev. Anne Largent Smith and Diana Siers

The goal of our liturgical ministries is to enable us as one community at St. Mary's to praise, honor and glorify God in worship. As the Body of Christ has many parts, so our communal worship is expressed in a diversity of forms. Making this happen is a labor of love by many people.

The year saw some changes to our worship that seem to be working out well. Among the highlights: Our early Sunday service time continues to be at 8:00 a.m., rather than 7:30. Kathy Lawler reorganized the flower ministry so that the volunteer time required has been dramatically reduced. On Pentecost, members of the First Church of Tonga who regularly worship in our sanctuary on Sunday afternoons joined us to lift their voices in song during our Sunday morning celebration. We experimented with a new Advent wreath in addition to our hanging wreath, so that lighting the candles during the service might be easier.

Other things remained the same, such as our service of reconciliation during Holy Week, our Stations of the Cross devotions, the CommUnity Easter Vigil, and the honoring of our veterans in November. Lessons and Carols returned to its place at 10:00 on the fourth Sunday of Advent. In 2017, Ash Wednesday will also return to its regular form as a Eucharistic service following an unsatisfactory experiment in 2016 with services that omitted the Eucharist. The jury is still out on holding our Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday before Thanksgiving as we did in 2016.

Our regular worship during 2016 has been supported by many wonderful people who are to be heartily thanked for their work. All of our plans come to life through the work of our dedicated liturgical ministers.

Our associate priests the Rev. Restutio Coloma, the Rev. Raymond Potter, and the Rev. Ron Zoesch have offered fine leadership throughout the year. We rely on them to preside at half of our worship services, and they do so faithfully. They are a valued presence in our community whether presiding or simply participating, and their ministry is absolutely vital to keeping St. Mary's going strong.

Likewise for her musical leadership, we thank Kristin Holt, who has gathered a beautiful choir and offered music for Sundays at 10 a.m., CommUnity Eucharists, and other special services. Thanks to Benjamin Holt, Karalyn Holt, Hayley Sharpe, Destiny Siers, and Kate Smith for sharing your vocal talents.

Thanks go also to worship leaders Julie Vice, Kathy Lawler, and Karen Lawler, as well as Diana Siers, for similarly supporting our worship services. They help organize people for services, and offer the welcome and announcements most weeks as well. Kathy Lawler and Lynn Holman continue to lead our twice-monthly Evening Prayer services, and Karen Lawler has started a quarterly Labyrinth Walk at Morse Park that guides people in prayer and meditation. Thank you all for your work in offering these services.

Our Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors are also indispensable, assisting as they do with the distribution of the sacrament in our Eucharistic services and to those who are unable to be present at worship due to illness etc. Many thanks to Eucharistic Ministers Norm DeYoung, Karen Lawler, Kathy Lawler, Mark Nill, Mary Ann Renzi, Scott Siers, Julie Vice, and Mark Voskuil; to chalice bearers David Gleason; and to Eucharistic Visitors Julie Vice and Scott Siers. We look forward to an upcoming training so that we can add more people to this list.

Parishioners also play an important part in the liturgy as lectors and intercessors. Lectors proclaim the Scripture; intercessors lead us in the Prayers of the People. Grateful thanks to lectors Lois Anderson, Ruth Carnie, Judy Cullum, Norm DeYoung, David Gleason, Lexi Hill, Lynn Holman, Carl King, Kathy Lawler, Patti Mangabay, Carol

McElheney, Harriett McKinnis, Mac Miller, Mark Nill, Mary Liz Pugh, Rod Pugh, Destiny Siers, Diana Siers, Scott Siers, Hayley Sharpe, Michael "Taps" Taporco, and Julie Vice. Grateful thanks to intercessors Norm DeYoung, Kathy Lawler, Carol McElheney, Mary Liz Pugh, Mary Ann Renzi, Diana Siers, Michael "Taps" Taporco, and Julie Vice.

The first faces people see and the first people they interact with are often ushers and greeters. This ministry is vital to our worship and the welcome that we extend to all who come to St. Mary's. Ushers and greeters help people find bulletins, seats, restrooms, and the like, and guide people to communion. They also assist with the offering, count attendance, present the elements at the altar for Communion, and communicate with the Sunday school about coming in to the service. Many thanks to all who have participated in this ministry, especially Mary Ann Renzi, Carl and Cely King, Mark Voskuil, Lincoln Tremble, Richard and Shirley Lange, Carol McElheney, Ron and Mary Liz Pugh, Ruth Carnie, Opal Miller, Sarian Wyse, David and Astra Gleason, and JoAnn Vice.

Behind the scenes, many hands help prepare us and our facility for worship. I am grateful to the Worship Team, Altar Guild, and Flower Ministry for all they do in this regard. The Worship Team carries on the customs of the parish, assisting in planning and offering worship opportunities. Thank you to members Lois Anderson (now retired), Kristin Holt, Karen Lawler, Kathy Lawler, Hayley Sharpe, Diana Siers, JoAnn Vice, and Julie Vice.

The Altar Guild prepares the sanctuary for worship and is responsible for providing the elements for worship, and for cleaning afterwards. Hangings are changed, wine is poured, silver is polished—all that and more—by the Altar Guild. We are so grateful for the leadership of JoAnn Vice and Patti Mangabay as Altar Guild directresses. They are building up their team and training others to help them on Sundays. This year JoAnn met with the Eucharistic Ministers at the 8 am service so that everyone was on the same page as to procedures and things have been running smoothly since then. We give thanks for the many others who take part in this ministry as well: Julie Vice, Susi Jacobo-Vice, Scott Siers, Diana Siers, Bruce Jackson, Laura Peterson, Carol McElheney, and especially laundress Mary Liz Pugh. To all of these folks, and all who have assisted with changes in the sanctuary at Christmas, Easter, and other special occasions, thank you!

Special thanks also go to Irene Roltsch, Patti Mangabay, Carol McElheney, and JoAnn Vice for their ministry of baking our communion bread, to Susi Vice who purchases our wine for us, and to Lois Anderson for making and mending linens as needed

Thanks to Kathy Lawler came up with an idea for a Flower Guild that is now working well. She takes the vases to Bel Air at the beginning of the month and informs them of the colors of the month. They put together the flower arrangements each week. The Altar Guild then picks them up on Saturdays and sets them at the altar. This has been a wonderful arrangement.

Thank you to our A/V technicians who run the PowerPoint at two of our regular services and special services throughout the year: Susi Jacobo-Vice, Diana Siers, Scott Siers, and David Gleason. At the Sunday 10:00 a.m. service, the 6:00 p.m. Saturday night service, and special holiday services, the worship aid for the service is projected onto the large screen to support everyone in participating. We are hoping to continue to expand this ministry in 2017 so that there is a longer rotation. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please see one of them or a member of the worship team.

All who assist in worship have our deepest appreciation. Everyone's contribution matters, large or small, seen or unseen. You make it possible for us to worship God in our tradition. This is at the heart of what we do, and we couldn't do it without you!

Altar Guild Annual Report

Submitted by: JoAnn Vice

This year altar guild has moved forward in its goals. Carol McElheney, Patti Mangabay, and JoAnn Vice cover the 10:00 am service with Diana Siers and Laura Petersen being trained and willing to fill in when needed. The 8:00 am service is being scheduled separately; they set up the sanctuary before service and take the vessels back to the sacristy after that service and wash them up to be put away. We have simplified setting up the sacristy for both services by purchasing more altar linens, a lavabo bowl, a paten, a chalice, and a utility cart. This allows us to set up for both services at once so we do not have to wash and reset between services. JoAnn Vice and Patti Mangabay prepare the setup, including books, linens, candles, etc. for both of the Sunday Eucharists on Saturday.

We would like to thank Irene Roltsch for presenting a bread baking class, which was well received. Thank you to our bread bakers: Irene Roltsch, Carol McElheney, Patti Mangabay, and JoAnn Vice. We would like to thank Mary Liz Pugh for single handedly washing and ironing all the linens, used in all the services at St. Mary's, for many years. JoAnn Vice did help her out a couple of times this year. This is an area we could use some more help. Thank you to Susi Jacobo-Vice for picking up the wine for communion and purchasing the palms and oil. Also, thank you to all the people who help with cleaning, polishing, decorating, and setting up for special occasions. And last but not least, thank you to Julie Vice, Scott Siers, and Patti Mangabay for climbing the tall ladder to change the hangings when it is time to change the colors in the church.

We want to thank the sacristy committee for three long years of working on making changes to improve the usefulness of the office and the sacristy area. They now have some plans in place and have been given the approval of the vestry to move forward.

Music Ministries Annual Report

Submitted by: Kristin Holt

2016 was a great year for St. Mary's Music Ministry. The music planning team of Kathy Lawler, Julie Vice, Anne Smith, and Kristin Holt worked steadfastly to ensure that the music chosen for the worship services was both theologically sound and fun to sing! It was also the goal of the team to choose music that aided and engaged the congregation in worship. We occasionally included music surveys in the Sunday bulletins, and the feedback the team received helped us to determine whether the music chosen enhanced or detracted from worship.

The choir continued to rehearse consistently on the first and third Thursdays of each month. With the addition of new members Hayley Sharpe and Kate Smith, the choir explored more complex harmonies and prepared special anthems for services during Advent and Christmas. Destiny Siers, Kate Smith, and Karalyn Holt also provided special music, and the rhythm of the djembe added musical texture under the skilled hands of Benjamin Holt. St. Mary's Choir also enjoyed singing with the Sunday School Choir during Youth Sundays. We look forward to preparing and presenting choir anthems as special music more frequently in 2017, and we hope to provide more opportunities for the children to join us in singing and playing instruments for the 10am worship service.

As we reflect upon the blessings of 2016 and look forward to 2017, we ask for your prayers for guidance regarding the Clavinova. The instrument has served the congregation of St. Mary's well, but it is becoming clearer that its time of useful service is coming to an end. We will begin the process of finding a technologically updated instrument that suits the needs of the Sunday worship services, CommUnity, and other special occasions and services. St. Mary's Music Ministry will be planning fundraiser events to offset the cost of the new instrument.

Fellowship

Fellowship Ministry Annual Report

Submitted by: Mary Ann Renzi

The Fellowship Committee has been very busy this year planning and coordinating fellowship events throughout the year.— At the end of January, we were royally fed a delicious luncheon as we celebrated our 29th Annual Meeting. This was followed in a few weeks by our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner organized by Barbara Nill and Scott Siers. Our youth did a fabulous job flipping pancakes and cooking sausages as we enjoyed the delicious food ~~and~~ complete with the Mardi Gras theme. In mid-August, the Worship ~~Committee Team~~ hosted a Barbeque and pot-luck for Saint Mary's Day with a joyful celebration of the anniversary of our Parish.— The end of September brought our traditional Oktoberfest complete with loads of German style food and topped off with an authentic German band. In October, we were fed a Thanksgiving style lunch as we kicked off our Fall Stewardship Campaign.

And, Blessed are those on our Sunday morning Fellowship team. What a wonderful dedicated group you are! We thank, Judy Cullum, Diane Gover, Carl and Cely King, Richard and Shirley Lange, Carol McElheney, Harriet McKinnis, Pat Picton, Mary Ann Renzi, Hayley Sharpe, Loretta Sherb, Betty and Rav Williams, and Sarian Wyse. We have fifteen wonderful people who unselfishly bring "goodies" and make coffee so that everyone can enjoy chatting with each other after our worship service.

Fellowship is an immensely important ministry in our Parish. It allows each of us to meet and greet each other in casual settings at parish events or after church on Sunday mornings. We then begin to know each other better, care about each other, have compassion for each other, become committed to each other and are able to celebrate with each other.

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AND, what a wonderful Parish we become.....

SMART Seniors Annual Report

Submitted by: Lois Anderson

Because of a decline in attendance, the SMART Seniors luncheon is no longer meeting. Despite the lack of meetings, the Seniors continue to work behind the scenes by coordinating many of our outreach opportunities. Throughout 2016, the Seniors have coordinated the Advent Tree for Alternatives Pregnancy Center, Easter Baskets for Sacramento Children's Home, and Thanksgiving Baskets for seven local families in need.

Formation

Adult Formation Ministries

Submitted by: The Rev. Anne Largent Smith

Adult Formation changed in several respects during 2016. After changing the early service time from 7:30 to 8 a.m. in Advent of 2015, we continued to offer Sunday morning formation classes through the summer. The consensus then was that the time between services was not sufficient to do the quality of formation we wanted to in that slot. Adult formation is now offered at other times, with series and opportunities scheduled throughout the year at different times. Also, following summer, the Tuesday night Bible study was discontinued due to low attendance.

We are grateful to those who led the various series we offered this year. Kathy Lawler offered her four-week “Faith in the Age of Science” series in January and August. Kathy Lawler, Rev. Ray Potter, and Rev. Anne Smith led confirmation classes during Lent (and were happy to see three St. Mary’s members confirmed in the Episcopal Church by Bishop Barry Beisner in August). During the Easter season, Scott Siers offered an introduction to the Hebrew language, with insight into the text of the Hebrew Scriptures. Karen Lawler led a 6-week Living Compass class during the summer months. Financial Peace University, led by Scott Siers with assistance from Kathy Lawler, was offered September – November. And in December, Karen Lawler offered an Advent Reflection series focusing on spiritual practices, again drawing on the Living Compass model.

In 2016 we continued our annual practice of offering seasonal book studies during Lent and Advent. Special thanks to Lynn Holman for her leadership of both of the evening book studies during those times. In Lent, the soup-and-study groups looked at *Hazardous Saints: Risking All, Changing Everything*, by Charles Kevin Robinson. This video and book offered insights into some Christian exemplars who may be less known, but still have much to teach. In Advent, the Tuesday evening study was on *The Uncluttered Heart: Making Room for God During Advent and Christmas*, by Beth A. Richardson, which helps the reader focus on the spiritual meaning and essentials of Advent and Christmas.

Throughout the year, the noon book group discussion continued. We read N.T. Wright’s *Simply Good News*, Suzanne Farnham et al.’s *Listening Hearts: Discerning Call in Community*, Joel bin Izzy’s *The Beggar King and the Secret of Happiness*, Rob Bell’s *Love Wins*, and C.S. Lewis’s *The Great Divorce*. The conversation and fellowship shared by this group is treasured by its members, and I am grateful for all who attend.

I was proud to begin a new series called *Who Is My Neighbor?* beginning on December 4 with a presentation by the Sacramento chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations executive director Basim Elkarra, on Islam. The “Who Is My Neighbor?” series is designed to help us (and anyone from the community who would like to attend!) to follow the great commandments as given by Jesus in Matthew 23:34-40: “One of them, a lawyer, asked Jesus a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’ If we are to love our neighbors, we must know who they are and how we are called into relationship with them. Each event in the Who Is My Neighbor? series provides an introduction to a group within our community whom we may not well understand, followed by a time for questions and conversation.

Children and Youth Formation Ministries Annual Report

Submitted by: Barbara Nill

Our St. Mary's Sunday school class has been gathering since September and we are blessed to have anywhere from a couple children in class all the way up to a dozen on some Sundays. We have—~~fun~~-~~fun~~-filled, energetic classes no matter what the number and we continue to live into our belief; “don't count the kids, make the kids count”.—Barbara Nill remains the Sunday school coordinator and the program continues to receive the blessing of the talents of many of our student's parents who~~m~~ have faithfully volunteered to act as classroom teachers. This year we have also had the good fortune of adding Sarah Meckler-Tate to our group. Sarah has extensive experience in youth ministry and Sunday school programs in her role as a Lutheran pastor and her talents in children formation and puppetry will add to the fun and excitement of our year.—Thanks again to Astra and David Gleason, Mark Nill, Diana Siers, and Keith Smith who continue to serve in this important ministry.

We continue to meet each Sunday during the 10:00 service. The children proudly demonstrate their reading skills, discussion abilities, and their arts and crafts skills to their peers and parents as we focus on a biblical or liturgical theme or story. The kids are becoming a family and frequently help one another. The joy and fun that exists within our classroom is a blessing to all who are involved.

Again, we are utilizing the Weaving God's Promises for Children curriculum and work to provide creative and fun lessons and activities to our preschool and school age children. We moved on to Year 2 of the Weaving God's Promises curriculum this year since our parents now have familiarity with the curriculum. The year two theme is, Weaving Together the Family of God. We meet the people of the ~~bible~~-~~Bible~~ and discover ~~through these people,~~ Jesus and the word of God within their individual stories and ministries.

The Sunday school moment remains a sharing time for the children as they inform the congregation of their lesson and activity and explain God's promise for that lesson. This sharing time has also had a positive effect on the public speaking confidence of some of our kids and continues to allow them the opportunity to express themselves to an audience, in this case, a loving and supportive congregation. The children are maturing and growing in God as they continue to develop an understanding how God's promise weaves through what they've learned.

We continue to participate in Youth Sunday services and again these opportunities allow the children to be a part of the worship service and practice their public speaking in a safe, nonthreatening place.—It allows them to read the word of God, act out lessons or themes they learn in class through skits and songs and start to connect to the liturgy. It is fun to watch them develop their confidence and comfort in speaking in public and wonderful of the congregation and worship team to allow them that chance. We thank Rev. Anne, Kristen, and the entire worship committee for providing the opportunity for ministry to the children of St. Mary's.

We had a wonderful Christmas pageant and a Happy Birthday Jesus party at the Christmas Eve family service. We look forward to the Lenten season, Easter, and our family Easter egg hunt.

We have not yet determined how to best incorporate our Weaving God's promises for Youth program aimed at 12-14 year olds and that will be our goal of 2017, expanding formation and opportunities outside worship time for our youth.

We are grateful for the opportunity and responsibility of teaching our St. Mary's children and so thankful for the parents mentioned who have helped in the classroom. We also want to thank all the parents who faithfully bring their kids to Sunday school and allow us the privilege and trust of teaching and working with them while you, the parents, take a moment to worship and renew. Without this commitment, we would not be able to have a weekly Sunday school class. We humbly ask the congregation for your continued prayers for this important ministry and again thank you for your support. We will continue to strive to provide a warm and caring environment for our children's ministry and invite all children and their families to join us.

College for Congregational Development

Submitted by: Kathy Lawler

St. Mary's sent four people to the diocesan College for Congregational Development (CCD): Rev. Anne Smith, Diana Siers, Julie Vice, Kathy Lawler. The college is a two-year program of leadership training to help local congregations identify and achieve their goals. This year's program focused on teaching many organizational development models to address different kinds of parish goals. We also received training in facilitation skills and in the Myers Briggs personality types. Myers Briggs is one way for people in groups to understand their differences, strengths and weaknesses so they can work together more effectively. Our fall survey and parish meeting about the property development ideas is one of the projects we've undertaken as part of this program. There are more projects ahead as we move forward with the stewardship of the property at St. Mary's.

Kids Kamp Annual Report

Submitted by: Lois Anderson

Kids Kamp was held the third week in July, Monday through Friday mornings and welcomed 11 attendees and four youth helpers. We offer our Kids Kamp at no cost to the families, and request donations to help offset the expenses. The response was wonderful! With careful planning and limited spending, we pulled this off within our budget and have funds for next year.

The themes this year were illustrated with clips from Pixar Animation Studios' movie "Inside Out". We have a different Bible based theme each day with a bible reading, story and three crafts that illustrate that theme. We also include games, snack (also theme based) and music.

The final culmination is a special Sunday worship service where the Kampers are invited and included in the service. Because most of the Kampers who attended also came to the worship service. They did a wonderful job of leading the congregation in a marvelous rendition of "This Is My Commandment" with the verses adapted to reflect the five themes for the week! They also composed their own song based on "If You're Happy and You Know It". They wrote one verse each day based on the emotion for that day.

Our Emotions theme was illustrated with memory discs hanging from the ceiling and a tracing of each child juggling their emotions on the walls.

We could not have done it without all the help of so many from the congregation, Betty Williams, Deb Hess, John Hill, Lori Hill, Carol McElheney, Loretta Sherb, Terry Mah, Irene Roltch, Haley Sharp, JoAnn Vice, and our youth leaders, Destiny Siers, Kate Smith, Grace Fong, and Breanna Holquin. We were also very lucky to have Kathy Lawler and her trusty guitar to lead us in our music for practice and performance, and, Rev. Anne leading us all each day and working so hard to make each child's experience rewarding and fun. As you can see this program involves a large part of the congregation and takes months of preparation but watching the kids getting involved and experiencing Jesus in their lives makes it all worthwhile.

I have had to submit my resignation for leading Kids Kamp. I no longer have the strength and memory to keep everything running due to my failing health. If someone comes forward willing to organize and run this one week effort, I have pledged to develop the program. This would include selecting the movie, developing the 5 biblical themes, and designing the 15 different crafts with instructions and needed supplies.

Labyrinth Walks

Submitted by: Karen Lawler

In August of 2016, St. ~~Mary's-Mary's~~ began a new ministry of reconciliation, leading quarterly labyrinth walks for peace and understanding at the community labyrinth located at Morse Park in Elk Grove. These events are a time of public witness and prayer for greater understanding of and relationships among the diverse peoples who are our neighbors. Led by Karen Lawler and launched after our participation in the Elk Grove ~~multicultural~~ ~~Multicultural Festival~~ Festival, the labyrinth walks are one of the ways we work to foster greater peace in our community. Walks are Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm for most of the year, with our next one scheduled for February 26. Come out and join us!

Stewardship Team

Submitted by: Diana Siers

The Stewardship Team was formed at the end of 2015. ~~"Stewardship~~ is an ethic that embodies the responsible planning and management of resources. The concepts of stewardship can be applied to the environment and nature, economics, health, property, information, theology, etc.~~."~~ We decided that for 2016, we were going to start a year-round stewardship program. We began with thank yous. We added a thank you section into our announcement sheet. As we began 2016, we tried to schedule something every month or so that would show how we are stewards, not just with our money, but with our time, talent, resources, self, and relationships.

In March, we had the opportunity to hear from Kathy Lawler and Irene Roltsch who shared with us how they share the talents that God has given them (teaching and baking). In addition, Irene paid it forward by sharing her talent by showing others how to bake the communion bread.

In May, we shared our stewardship of resources by having a wonderful time planting our garden with the kids. Next time, we will make sure the irrigation is working so the plants will last through the heat of the summer. We did get a beautiful pumpkin that somebody went home with and some yummy tomatoes.

Some examples of our stewardship of money came in May when we had a Try-A-Tithe Sunday where we asked the congregation to try that one week to make their pledge equal to 10% of their weekly income. We also had many opportunities throughout the year to support outreach agencies by donating additional money.~~—~~We also had our Sunday School kids learn about giving of their money as they filled a basket with their change to donate to St. Matthews to help their families in need.

In June, we practiced our stewardship of relationships and had a great game night with about 30 people. We had many games going on at once including Scrabble, Candyland, Pictionary, Apples to Apples, and many others.~~—~~We also had a fun time as we gathered in August to celebrate St. Mary's Day. We played some more games and had some karaoke along with a great BBQ and potluck to share together. In October, we had a Thanksgiving lunch where the Stewardship Team thanked all for their commitment to the next year. In January, we had another game night on Epiphany learning new games, playing old games, and great food.

In July, we had many opportunities to give of our time. We had hours of help with Kids Kamp that helped to make another successful, fun week for our kids. We also had many parishioners that helped with Child Spree by getting up very early in the morning and making their way to Kohl's to shop with local kids that were in need of items for the beginning of school. In the winter, we had many opportunities to give of our time and money as we had an increase with our Outreach Programs. We had many parishioners donate items for our warm clothes drive and help to distribute to the homeless, donate food for Thanksgiving baskets and people to pack and to deliver the baskets to seven local families in need, donating gifts for one needy family for Christmas plus those that wrapped and delivered these gifts, and ended the year as the Kings brought their gifts to baby Jesus, we donated items to families having babies that are also in need at the Alternatives Pregnancy Center.

For stewardship of self, the congregation found ideas to take care of themselves following the Sabbath in the bulletins each week in November. We ended this series with a quiet day that also was the beginning of Advent.

We look forward to incorporating more ideas in 2017!

Network

Congregational Commission on Ministry (CCOM)

Submitted by: The Rev. Anne Largent Smith

The CCOM lent support to two applicants entering the discernment process to become priests. Karen and Kathy Lawler both were made postulants by the diocese, thanks to the work of this Commission in 2016 and before. Special thanks to David Gleason, Barb Nill, Taps Taporco, and Rod Pugh for your work in discernment for our parish.

Average Sunday Attendance

2016	67
2015	75
2014	75.1
2013	68.6
2012	81.2
2011	86.8
2010	88.8
2009	86.8
2008	111.6
2007	112.5
2006	98.7
2005	108.1
2004	118.7
2003	141.3
2002	139.9
2001	131.3
2000	139.0
1999	137.0
1998	135.0

Support of Mission

Sacristy Remodel Task Force Annual Report

Submitted by: Julie Vice and Susi Jacobo-Vice

In 2016 the Sacristy Remodel Task Force was reconvened and we re-visited the possibility of creating a true Sacristy for St. Mary's. During our first meeting it became clear that in order to create a Sacristy it would require moving the office to a new space. It was decided that we would explore the possibility of moving the church office into the East half of the current Nursery area. Allowing for the Sacristy to be enclosed in the current Sacristy/Office area.

The plan that evolved would entail building a wall to separate the Nursery area into two rooms, as well as installing a door in the entry way into the current Sacristy/Office area. Since we had to talk to an electrician about moving and/or installing outlets and lighting, Vestry requested that we also talk to them about updating an electrical box that needed replacing as well as the outdoor lighting. After presenting three quotes to Vestry, we received approval to move forward with step one, which was fixing light fixtures and installing and moving electrical outlets.

The next major step was to obtain quotes for the contractor work that is needed. It took us some time to find three different contractors to come provide quotes, but finally a couple of weeks ago, we were able to present those quotes to Vestry and at the January Vestry meeting received approval to move forward with the construction work needed. The Task Force will be meeting on January 25th to take the next steps in moving forward.

While we were waiting for electrical quotes, we were able to spend some time researching and pricing Sacristy furniture and functional office furniture. The Sacristy furniture is designed to hold and protect Vestments and other Church linens, as storing them properly will extend their life.

In addition to the things we already mentioned, the plans also call for a window to be installed in the opening from the hallway into the Sacristy, a ~~Pacina~~piscina in the sink, and a sitting/meditation area for our ~~Priests~~priests, and others who will be serving, to prepare for services. In the office, we will have a pocket door allowing access to/from the Nursery as well as a locking door into the Fireside Room.

The final plan also involves moving the ~~Stove~~stove into the Noah Room so that it can be easily used for Fellowship events. We thank all the Task Force Members for their time, input, and energy!

Task Force members include Judy Cullum, Lori Hill, Susi Jacobo-Vice, Patti Mangabay, Diana Siers, JoAnn Vice and Julie Vice.

Flea Market Annual Report

Submitted by: Julie Vice

Tim Gianelli and his crew continue to have a Flea Market/Yard Sale on our front lawn. During 2016 he had eleven sales, the majority of them from April through November. During the other months the rain makes the lawn too wet and unusable. St. Mary's continues to receive 10% of all sales. In 2016 we averaged \$189 per Saturday. While they are contracted to use the site two Saturdays per month, Tim has found that he does better per sale when he comes once per month. We look forward to continuing this partnership in 2017, and if you haven't been out to support him please come out and do so. You might find a hidden treasure or two!

Fireworks Sales

Submitted by: The Rev. Anne Largent Smith

In 2016, we made a step toward involvement with fireworks sales once again. We do not have the volunteer base to actually run a booth, but our location is still a desirable one, and we have agreed to make it available to another group who would give us a portion of their sales in exchange for space in our lot to set up their booth. Negotiations are ongoing.

Outreach – Giving

Help for the Homeless

Each Fall, the CommUnity Worship Service leads a drive to help the homeless in our area. A large box is placed in the Fireside Room and the congregation is offered a challenge to see how many times we can fill the box. Each year we exceed the numbers of items collected from the previous year! A group of congregants then takes the items out and hand delivers them to those experiencing homelessness. What a great way to get help directly to those in need.

Adopt-a-Family

Submitted by: Lori Hill

Adopt-a-Family is one of our annual outreach programs. A family in need of our help is selected by a team at one of the local elementary schools in the Elk Grove School District. The team then asks the family for a list of items needed (and a wish list for items wanted) for each member of the family. Members of our congregation are given the opportunity to sign up and purchase items from the list. Many members choose to donate money toward the project. Lori Hill collects the monetary donations and has a blast shopping for items on the list! We strive to fulfill all of the needs, and as many of the wishes as possible, for the family. Once all of the gifts are collected, we have a Wrapping Party, where we gather together for fun, laughter, and lots of gift wrapping. Each year we have been able to offer our adopted family a wonderful assortment of Christmas gifts.

Advent Tree for Alternatives Pregnancy Center

Each year, we set up an bare Christmas tree to collect baby items (representing gifts for baby Jesus) for the Alternatives Pregnancy Center, a non-profit, state licensed medical clinic and pregnancy resource center. APC is dedicated to meeting the needs of women and men facing unplanned pregnancies and empowering them to build a positive future for themselves and their children. We place the baby items on and under the tree throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. This year we were very excited to take 388 individual items to them. The generosity of this congregation is very appreciated.

Easter Baskets for Sacramento Children's Home

The Senior group sponsored a collection of Easter Baskets for the children of the Sacramento Children's Home. Empty baskets were placed in the Fireside Room for the congregation to take home and fill with goodies and items appropriate for any child's Easter Basket. We delivered 70 baskets prior to Easter Sunday.

Child Spree

Kohl's Child Spree provides school clothes, shoes, backpacks and other necessities to children who otherwise may not have what they need to start school. Monetary donations were collected in addition to a fundraising raffle, where tickets were purchased for a chance to win a book or stuffed animal. We raised over \$2000 for this wonderful charity. In addition to the fundraising, we also had volunteers from our congregation sign up to assist the children on their shopping spree.

Thanksgiving Baskets

St. Mary's fed seven families this past Thanksgiving with items donated by the congregation. Teams of parishioners delivered the baskets of food to the families prior to Thanksgiving Day.

Crafters

Submitted by: The Rev. Anne Largent Smith

While the formal meetings of the crafters group have been discontinued, the contributions of our knitters and crocheters continues. Several prayer shawls were completed and several distributed for the blessing of the sick and suffering. Thanks go to Shirley Lange, Lois Anderson, Mary Beth Voskuil, and all who support this ministry by creating shawls and identifying recipients.