

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2014

Present: Senior Warden- Murry Edwards, Treasurer- Chris Winslow, Clerk- Christine Cassels, Linda Drummond, Judy Hall, Dave Monroe, Christian Myers, Pat Sweeney, Karen White, Anna Zambrano and the Reverend Jennifer L. Pedrick, Rector.

Visitors: Jenny Swider, Jim Vanicek, Jim Belton, Independent Sara Gibbs Trustees

Absent: Junior Warden- Harry Gustafson, Marshall Lundberg, Paul Westrom,

Reverend Jennifer Pedrick started the meeting at 7:09 PM with a prayer.

Old Business:

1) Review of the ALT 9th amendment.

A report to extend the value of the Young Land and remove value from the Sara Gibbs Trust land was presented. USDA will fund the Young land.

Murry Edwards made a motion: The Vestry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church authorizes Murry Edwards and Christine Winslow to execute the 9th Amendment of the Option to Purchase Land and a Conservation Easement and the Exercise of the Option between St. Mary's and the Aquidneck Land Trust as presented. Dave Munroe seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Murry Edwards made another motion: The Vestry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church authorizes the Rector, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, or the Treasurer or a combination of these offices to be the signing authority with respect to all governmental forms and all documents necessary to the closing transaction with the Aquidneck Land Trust. Dave Munroe seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2) Consent Agenda-

Agenda includes reports from the Rector, Treasure, Clerk, Investment Committee, and the Executive Committee. Linda Drummond moves to accept the consent agenda, and Chris Winslow made a 2nd motion to support; All Vestry members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carries.

3) The Old Parish House-

Dave Munroe, Anna Zambrano, and Marshall Lundberg are asked by Murry to work a review of the options for the parish house building. They are to develop short term and long term options and the implications of each option. Review to be presented to the Vestry as soon as possible.

4) Fall Worship Schedule begins September 14:
(School registration begins the same day)

Saturday

5 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the church, no music, more worship leaders (greeters, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar Guild support.)

Sunday

7:45 - 11:45 Nursery Care – safe church certified caregivers will be in the nursery downstairs in the Parish House.

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church – with music from start to finish.

9-10:15 Breakfast/coffee offered by a team made up of people from both services, in the gathering space of the Parish House. This is the main fellowship time.

9:15-10:15 Christian Education for All Ages -- Classrooms of the Parish House.

10:30 Holy Eucharist in the Church with diverse music (choir, band, traditional, contemporary, some classic Anglican, some kid friendly.)

11:30 Fellowship – a light offering in the parish house, a time to welcome guests.

Notes on Fall Schedule Development:

- The fall schedule was developed given feedback from 3 coffee and conversation meetings, followed by a small group review of suggestions and criteria.
- A Vestry suggestion was made to do a mailing that relays information on the new service schedule, and as an invitation to join the 2 Sunday services and the fellowship time.
- There was a suggestion for continuing coffee and conversation at check points during the year.
- Ideas—have children and families sit in the front row; insure that music is appealing to families.
- Be positive with the parents, (they are the best teachers for their children) give people time to adjust to the new service schedule, Vestry needs to support people as they adjust to the new schedule.

5) Commission Membership:

Jennifer presented a vision on how commission ministries will work in the future. As Vestry leader roles shift leadership will take on different roles; new people will come into ministries and take on roles that vestry may have had.

New Business:

- There was consensus that our agendas need to include discussion of key areas of our fiduciary responsibility. For example we should be discussing our financial health on a monthly basis. Even if items are included in the consent agenda, we may also have oral reports on important topics. The executive committee will set the agenda at their monthly meeting, one week prior to the vestry meeting.
- David Munroe made a motion to contribute two thousand dollars to the Martin Luther King Center within the matching fund program. Christian Myers seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Motion did not pass.

Dave Munroe moved to adjourn the meeting; Chris Winslow seconded the motion.

Next meeting: Wednesday September 17th, 7 PM.

Murry closed the meeting in prayer.

The vestry adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cassels
Vestry Clerk