

**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**VESTRY MEETING MINUTES**  
April 23, 2014

**Present:** Senior Warden, Murry Edwards, Junior Warden, Harry Gustafson  
Treasurer, Chris Winslow, Clerk, Christine Cassels, Linda Drummond,  
Judy Hall Marshall Lundberg, Chris Myers, Dave Monroe, Paul Westrom,  
Karen White, Anna Zambrano and the Reverend Jennifer L. Pedrick,  
Rector.

**Absent:** Pat Sweeney

Reverend Jennifer Pedrick started the meeting at 7:00 pm with a prayer and meditation from the Gospel of Luke on the Walk to Emmaus.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made to approve the consent agenda;  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Minutes from February and March 2014 outstanding:** The copies available on Wiki, were not able to be opened by Vestry members, along with the Thrift Shop report. Documents will be sent to Murry for uploading prior to the next meeting. Motion was made to accept the Senior Wardens report. Motion accepted unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Aquidneck Land Trust (ALT) update: Murry, Harry and Jennifer to meet with Rich at 4 pm on Thursday. Request a meeting with the Executive Board of the Land Trust. Linda made a motion:  
In consideration of the payment of \$1,440 by the Aquidneck Land Trust to St. Mary's Church, we hereby agree to amend the Option Agreement to extend the expiration date to May 24, 2014. In consideration of an additional payment of \$1,440 by the Aquidneck Land Trust to St. Mary's Church, we hereby agree to amend the Option Agreement to further extend, if necessary, the expiration date to June 24, 2014. The vestry voted unanimously to support the motion.
- 2) The vestry expressed concerns to discuss at future ALT meetings:
  - a) Critical to work together to close the land deal.
  - b) What is National support for this project? Local support is not working; develop a "Washington Strategy".
  - c) Consideration that ALT will pay additional interest costs; what is their backup plan?
- 3) Add items to next month's agenda:
  - Discuss future of Old Parish House
  - Marshall to write up the history on the Old Parish House

**New Business:**

- 1) Table the Housing Allowance topic; resolution pending.
- 2) Parochial report for 2013 needs to be submitted to the Diocese; Chris W. and Martha still gathering data. Prepare and present report at next month's vestry meeting for approval.
- 3) Review Investment committee nominations as written in Murry's senior warden report. Jeff Belden, J. Ted Bierman, Jim Purviance, Fay Sisson, and Pat Sweeney were appointed to serve for another one-year-term on the Investment Committee. Also --Christine Winslow was appointed to serve a three-year term as the Vestry trustee until 2017. Marshall moved that we re-nominate the investment committee as Murry proposed; Dave seconded; vestry voted unanimous approval. Request for Trustee committee nomination followed; Marshall moved we accept nominations, Dave seconded, vestry voted unanimous approval.
- 4) Jennifer asked the vestry to list their top three priorities for the parish in 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Cassels  
Vestry Clerk