

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2014

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

Absent: Pat Sweeney, Marshall Lundberg, Linda Drummond

Vestry started with a Potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.-Richard Sayer joined the group at 7 p.m. and we discussed the list of 8 questions related to the Aquidneck Land Trust. Guests joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Chuck Allott, Richard Bauschpies, and the Trustees- Jim Vanicek, Jeff Beldon, and Jenny Swider. The Vestry and the ALT meet for 35 minutes and discussed the list of questions.

The Reverend Jennifer Pedrick started the meeting at 8:11 PM with a prayer. She amended the Agenda and removed bible study.

Old Business:

- 1) Review of the ALT portion of the meeting with the ALT extension.

Reverend Jennifer Pedrick requested changes made to the minutes from 6-25-14. Murry Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, along with the Consent Agenda. Dave Munroe seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval by the Vestry.

- 2) Country Style BBQ update

Judy Hall needs the vestry to sign up and support action steps for the **fundraiser**; there will be a committee meeting next week. Murry volunteered to set up service silent auction.

- 3) Congregational Development

Jennifer updated the Vestry on Commissions. There is a need for commissions that have lay leadership members, (not all vestry members) such as Finance, Building and Grounds/Property, Worship, Education, Stewardship. This process is about discerning gifts.

Do we have ministry descriptions? We need these descriptions to attract people into these ministries. Ministry commitments are clear and like job descriptions that define the work for each ministry. The description creates a structure for commissions to work within for the parish. A suggestion was made for Quarterly meetings of all commissions to meet, such as the first week of the month. The commission feedback can be brought to the Executive Committee and then the Vestry. Murry Edwards, Senior Warden is going to set up a Finance Commission.

4) Fall Service Schedule

Guidelines will be developed as a community to make a decision on the service schedule for the fall. John Martin and Jennifer Pedrick will write draft guidelines. The next two coffee and conversations will roll out these guidelines/criteria to the Vestry and congregation, and people can add to them.

Sunday groups can give feedback on July 20th and 27th, and a small group will meet on August 2nd to do a plus minus on all the data collected. A review of comments and needs will follow and a recommended schedule will be designed, and reviewed at the next Vestry meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday August 20th, 7PM

Murry closed the meeting in prayer; the vestry adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cassels
Vestry Clerk