

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES  
January 26, 2017

**Present:** Senior Warden- Linda Drummond, Junior Warden – Dave Monroe, Treasurer- Christine Winslow, Clerk– Mattie Gustafson, Jenny Williams, Christian Myers, Trish Culver, Chris Bartlett, Chris Barker, Judy Hall, Dave Ferkinhoff, Paul Westrom, and the Rev. Jennifer Pedrick. The Rev. Dr. William Kondrath was also present.

**Absent:** Michelle Freitas

Jennifer began the meeting at 6:05 p.m. with prayer.

Because our consultant, the Rev. Dr. Kondrath, was present, the meeting began with introductions.

**Rector's Time**

Jennifer announced the proposed list of names for new Vestry members, to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

- The Nominating Committee is still clarifying how many slots need filling or re-election, but so far those running include: Dave Ferkinhoff, Trish Culver, Steve Downing, Peter Collins, Michelle Freitas and Paul Westrom.
- Chris Bartlett has agreed to run for Treasurer.
- The Nominating Committee is still working on delegates to the Diocesan Convention.
- Three Vestry members, Christian Myers, Dave Monroe and Judy Hall, volunteered to count votes at the election.

[See attached report for the final slate of people running for the various positions at the Annual Meeting.]

**Consent Agenda**

Chris Bartlett made a motion, seconded by Dave M., that we accept the Consent Agenda, which included the Minutes and Treasurer's Report for the December 21<sup>st</sup> Vestry meeting, and the Final Budget for 2017. The motion passed.

**Housing Allowance**

Jennifer made a motion, seconded by Linda D., that for the year 2017, for the Reverend Stephanie Shoemaker, St. Mary's Episcopal Church designates 100% of her compensation to be clergy housing allowance in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Sec. 107. The motion passed.

### **Property Report – Dave Monroe**

There is nothing to report at this time. Dave is working hard to get the boiler looked at and repaired. Prayers should continue!

### **Application for Holy Orders**

Linda D. made a motion, seconded by Dave M. that we, being a two-thirds majority of the whole Vestry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, do hereby certify that Christine Cassels is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of this Congregation and we do judge the applicant, based on personal knowledge, to possess such qualifications as would be fitting for ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons. The motion passed.

### **Sara Gibbs Trustee News**

Jeff Belden, chair of the Sara Gibbs Trustees, has informed us that Jenny Swider, an independent trustee, has chosen not to continue in this position once her term is up (next month), and that the Trustees have asked Fay Gosling to replace Jenny. Fay has accepted and will begin her 3-year term next month.

### **Thank you!**

Jennifer, on behalf of all of us, expressed thanks to those going off the Vestry. Christine W. is leaving her position as treasurer, and leaves with a great amount of thanks and amazement at the job she has done. Judy H. is leaving after her second time on the Vestry, and she was thanked for all the hard work she has done and all the time and effort she has contributed to St. Mary's.

Jennifer also mentioned the great job the Stewardship Commission has done this year and Paul W. suggested we buy some "thank-you" cards and sign and send them to the commission at our next Vestry meeting. All of these folks will also be recognized and thanked at the Annual Meeting.

Paul W. moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jennie W. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The formal part of the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

**The day and time of our next Vestry meeting is  
Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mattie E. Gustafson, Clerk