

**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES**

**April 16, 2015**

**Present:** Senior Warden- Linda Drummond, Junior Warden- Dave Monroe, Treasurer- Chris Winslow, Clerk- Christine Cassels, Steve Downing, Mattie Gustafson, Judy Hall, Marshall Lundberg, Christian Myers, Pat Sweeney, Amanda Westrom, Karen White, Anna Zambrano, and The Reverend Jennifer Pedrick, Rector.

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick called the Vestry to order at 6:34 p.m.

Opening Prayer and Bible Study by The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick

The Consent agenda included the Rector's report, the Senior Warden's report and approval of March Vestry Minutes. Karen White made a motion to accept the reports within the consent agenda as presented; Steve Downing seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:**

Christine Winslow reported on 1st quarter financial reports.

Total Pledge Income and Loose Offering categories are below budget through March 31, but comparable to the same time period of 2014. The results through April 15 show some improvement. The difficult winter weather has impacted pledges and giving throughout the Diocese. Overall Utility Expenses are exceeding budget through March 31. Electricity costs are about \$2,200 above last year but the heating oil costs are in line with our monthly budget payments.

Questions on Financial Report: The cost of having Bob Brooks as a Clergy substitute is being contributed to a charitable organization, and will be moved to the Supply Clergy expense line; Chris Winslow to look into this.

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick asked about the remaining \$30,000 from last years stock donation and confirmed from Chris Winslow that it is to be used as operating funds for this year.

**Rectors Time:**

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick expressed a sincere thank you to the Vestry for the one year anniversary celebration of her first year. In the past year great gains were made in organizational development and administration. The next year will focus on ministry

development and incorporation, leadership development, and pastoral care. The staff and hospitality are focusing new member ministry this spring.

### **Vestry Leadership:**

Mattie Gustafson presented a report on the Demographic Community Profile available through the National Church website.

Mattie Gustafson reviewed details of the demographic information for the Vestry. She said there is nothing on the demographic report that would negatively impact our growth as a parish.

Notes that came up during her report-

- Portsmouth is a predominately white neighborhood at 87%
- Two greatest segments of the population are retirement folks and young families
- Of all Aquidneck Island, Portsmouth folks have the higher income

### **Vestry Leadership Exercise:**

At the last meeting people were asked to work with another vestry or commission chair person and brainstorm ideas for membership growth. Vestry members read from post it notes they had brought to the meeting with ideas for entry point strategies and integration mechanisms. Linda Drummond and Christine Cassels received the post its and categorized them into like subject matter. We will review the list of data at next months meeting.

Linda Drummond asked the Vestry to think about what ideas could start right away. Are there a few things we could do right now, if we had the resources?

### **Old Business:**

Anna Zambrano reported that a past survey is being reviewed to see if it is adequate for a demolition contractor to quote on tearing the building down and if not what a supplemental survey would cost.

Linda Drummond asked people to think about what they need to know about Island commons to make a decision about what to do with the building. In the fall of 2014 we made a decision to determine what to do with the Old Parish House by April, we are running over that deadline. Email Linda requests for information.

### **New Business:**

Sale of Truck – Dave Monroe reported that we have a truck that is used very little, and costs a great deal to insure and register. Dave moved that we offer the truck for sale, and that he have the authority to make a decision on a selling price between \$300 and \$2000 dollars depending on what is offered. Anna Zambrano seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Barn roof leak discussion is postponed until till next month. Dave Monroe will report on repair options for the roof at the May Vestry meeting.

Closing Prayer –The Reverend Jennifer Pedrick closed the meeting at 8:35 pm.

**Next meeting: Thursday May 21st at 6:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Cassels  
Vestry Clerk