

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2015

Present: Senior Warden- Linda Drummond, Junior Warden- Dave Monroe, Clerk- Christine Cassels, Treasurer- Chris Winslow, Marshall Lundberg, Steve Downing, Mattie Gustafson, Amanda Westrom, Karen White, Anna Zambrano and The Reverend Jennifer L. Pedrick, Rector. Sara Gibbs Trustees: Jenny Swider, Jeff Belden.

Absent: Judy Hall, Christian Myers

Rev. Jennifer Pedrick called the Vestry to order at 6:31 p.m.

Opening Prayer led by Rev. Jennifer Pedrick

Agenda

Island Commons Discussion – Linda Drummond

Discussion tonight is a follow up to the previous discussion 6 months ago with Island Commons. Linda Drummond asked for feedback in writing and prepared a summary of the Primary issues sent to her in email. These are the highlights from all the documents and email concerns that were sent in to Linda.

Comments on the primary uses list:

Dave Monroe added that the cost to tear the building down is approximately \$100,000.

An informal check in with a realtor reported that the land might be valued at \$100,000.

Rev. Jennifer Pedrick brought up the energy and opportunity costs that will be spent on working on the IC Project; and takes us away from our primary mission of sharing the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

The Parish House is full of asbestos.

Cost of rebuilding the Old Parish House is very close to the cost of new construction. That is why we decided to build the new Parish House. The town of Portsmouth may mandate that we demolish or repair the building because it is a safety hazard to others.

Rev. Jennifer Pedrick made the comment that it seems we don't want to sell the Parish House to IC because we have fiduciary responsibility for the building given that IC is not an entity, and may not have the ability to raise the hundreds of thousands of dollar.

Steve Downing made the motion that we reject the proposal from IC to purchase the Parish House. Karen White seconded the motion; all Vestry members voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Drummond recommends that we draft a letter from the Vestry and send to Island Commons with the motion included.

The Vestry members continued their meeting after the Sara Gibbs Trustees left the meeting.

Parochial Report-The stewardship numbers from 2015 within the parochial report were reported as 2014. The report was corrected. Linda Drummond made a motion that we approved the parochial report as corrected. Karen White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Music Director – Christine Winslow reported that 6 months of pension payments were paid within 4 months; overall payroll lines are close to what they are budgeted to be.

Christine Winslow verified that the quarter time music directors' position starting in August is in the budget, and includes the cost of the band for the 10:30 service (regular schedule), and several other music plans for the summer.

Motion made by David Monroe to accept the proposal to hire the music director at quarter time starting in August. Karen White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Downing announced that he has accepted a job in Houston Texas and will be leaving the vestry.

Closing Prayer – Rev. Jennifer Pedrick

Steve Downing moved to adjourn; Linda Drummond seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The vestry meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. Next meeting: Thursday June 18th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cassels, Vestry Clerk

