

**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**VESTRY MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 17, 2015**

**Present:** Senior Warden- Linda Drummond, Clerk- Mattie Gustafson, Treasurer- Christine Winslow, Marshall Lundberg, Judy Hall, Christian Myers, Amanda Westrom, Anna Zambrano and the Reverend Jennifer Pedrick, Rector.

**Absent:** Junior Warden, Dave Monroe

Jennifer Pedrick called the Vestry to order at 6:37 p.m.

The Vestry engaged in a Bible study of *Acts*, Chapter 1

Jennifer suggested we read through the *Book of Acts* during the upcoming months. She suggested that we all read the entire Book before the next Vestry meeting, and to feel free to seek out additional commentaries or study Bibles. She has several available.

**Reports - Consent Agenda**

Marshal Lundberg made a motion, seconded by Chris Winslow, to accept the Consent Agenda, which includes the Senior Warden's report, the Property Commission report and the Vestry Minutes for August 19, 2015.

**Rector's Time**

**- Christian Formation**

We have offered the part-time position of Christian Formation Coordinator to Gabe Giella, and he will begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Jennifer thanked Anna Z. for all the hard work she did over the summer to pull a program of Christian formation together.

**- Music**

The Daystar Music Ministry will play 3 times from now until Christmas, at the 10:30 am service. The rest of the time, Jake Silvia will be providing music. Karin Larsen is our Music Coordinator and she will be playing at the 8:00 service, over-seeing the music program as a whole, and redeveloping the choir. Jake will begin on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Despite all these changes, the bottom line of the music budget remains positive.

**Additional items**

- Jennifer will be conducting annual personnel reviews with the staff.
- Sunday worship schedule changes this coming Sunday.
- The church needs cleaning before Sunday.
- In general, there will be no coffee hour after the 10:30 service. Judy said we can barely get enough people to offer a coffee hour at 9:15. We should try to get the word out that fellowship and conversation should happen in the interim time between services on Sunday.

Jennifer asked for feedback about worship services in general. Linda said one parishioner felt that the 10:30 service was losing the most. Also, some people are pleased to be returning to the church for the 8 am service.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Christine went over some of the highlights of her report. [Please see her summary.] Chris Myers moved, seconded by Linda D. that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

### **- Goals for 2016**

After much discussion the Vestry came up with a draft of three Goals, with several objectives and action items under these goals. The draft of these Goals for 2016 is attached.

## **New Business**

- **Parking Lot and Paving** - Marshall Lundberg moved, seconded by Chris W., that we approve \$38,500 for repairing the broken paving and re-surfacing the rear parking lot. Motion carried.

- **Delegate to Convention** – Chris W. moved, seconded by Linda D., that Mattie Gustafson be elected Delegate to the 2015 Diocesan Convention. Motion carried.

- **Sarah Gibbs Trustee** – Amanda Westrom was asked to consider being a Vestry appointment to the Sarah Gibbs Trustees. She is looking for some kind of ministry description for this position. Linda will try to find one. There is also a booklet that each trustee should receive. Two former trustees, Karen White and Steve Downing, still have theirs. We need to get these back.

### **- Bishop's Visit**

The Bishop will visit St. Mary's on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. He will attend all 3 services. Judy Hall and the Hospitality Committee is planning two coffee hours. It was decided that the folks normally scheduled for coffee hour on the 18<sup>th</sup> will do the 9:15-10:15 one; the Vestry will do the coffee hour after the 10:30 service.

### **- In-Gathering Sunday**

Judy then discussed some decisions made regarding In-Gathering Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. The group that met had decided that instead of raking leaves, folks would gather to put the garden to bed. There was much discussion by the Vestry about this change in plans. Jennifer will talk to Murry and clarify the situation. This was to be a major community event for the Fall season, and there was concern that the garden project would not be enough to occupy everyone. The event is not about efficient leaf-raking, but about community engagement.

There was also some discussion about serving lunch "through the kitchen" and this, too, was an issue. Judy Hall will do what she feels is best. The Vestry will help serve on that day.

The Rector led us in a closing prayer, and the Vestry meeting closed at 9:00 p.m. The next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mattie Gustafson, Clerk