

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2016

Present: Senior Warden- Linda Drummond, Treasurer- Christine Winslow, Clerk– Mattie Gustafson, Chris Barker, Jenny Williams, Chris Bartlett, Christian Myers, Trish Culver, David Ferkinhoff and the Reverend Jennifer Pedrick, Rector.

Absent: Judy Hall, Amanda Westrom and Junior Warden - Dave Monroe.

Jennifer called the meeting together at 6:35 and began with an open discussion of the tragic happening in Orlando, FL and our reactions to it. The discussion centered on the question "Where are we as Christian leaders in what was a heavy, hard week?"

A brief Bible study of Acts, Chapter 7 followed.

Jennifer then presented an overview of an "asset map" or inventory of gifts present in all the parish members listed in our new directory. Going forward, we are going to explore ways of reaching out to the members (approximately 76?) that are in the directory but who we have not seen or heard from in a long while.

Consent Agenda

Chris Bartlett made a motion, seconded by Chris Barker that we accept the Consent Agenda, which included the Senior Warden's Report. The motion passed.

Rector's Time

Amendment to the May motion on Housing Allowances

Christine W. made a motion, seconded by Linda D., to amend the Housing Allowance motion for the Rev. Jennifer Pedrick, made in May. The amendment passed.

Christine W. made a motion, seconded by Chris Bartlett, to amend the Housing Allowance motion for the Rev. Rachel Field, made in May. The amendment passed.

Leadership Retreat

The retreat is all set to go. Four Vestry members will be unable to attend. Linda is arranging for food.

Process for accepting anonymous donations

There was a discussion on the process that needs to be followed when a member of the congregation wishes to make a restricted donation.

Donors who wish to make a restricted donation should communicate this desire to the Rector, who will then bring the matter to the Vestry for approval. Leaders should not actively solicit restricted donations unless

- the Vestry has approved of the project (s) for which these donations are offered, or
- the Vestry has asked leaders to do so.

If a member or friend of St. Mary's speaks to a leader about the desire to make a restricted donation, that leader should ask the potential donor to speak with the Rector, who will bring the matter to the Vestry for discussion and possible approval. All such restricted donations need to be approved by the Vestry before St. Mary's can accept them.

Someone has made such a donation, earmarked for an Architectural and Engineering study of the historic church. Linda D. made a motion, seconded by Christian M., that we accept this restricted anonymous donation for an A&E study of the historic church. The motion passed.

Jennifer will contact the anonymous donor to say thank you.

Treasurer's Report

Christine W. very briefly went over some highlights in her report. She will email her full report out to all Vestry members shortly. Trish C. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Dave F. The motion passed.

Property Report (Linda D. for Dave M.)

Oliphant Lane Property

The Property Report centered on progress on the future of the Oliphant Lane property. Jennifer and David M. have sent a letter to the Diocesan Standing Committee requesting permission to sell this property. The Standing Committee is scheduled to meet on June 21st, and they may take up this request.

Linda D. made a motion, seconded by Christine W. to authorize the Junior Warden to list the Oliphant Lane property for sale, if such a sale is authorized by the Diocesan Standing Committee. The motion passed.

Thermostats and outside lighting

Jennifer asked Dave F. to supervise the scheduling of the indoor thermostats and the outdoor lights.

New Business

"Raise the Roof" campaign

After much discussion, it was realized that this was much too big a project, and much too wide-ranging a discussion to fit into a regular Vestry meeting. We will try to schedule an entire

meeting focused on this report and the suggestions contained therein. In the meantime, Chris Barker and his team will revisit the report taking into account many of the points made in the initial discussion that took place this evening. Trish C. has agreed to join the committee, replacing Anna Z. who resigned from the Vestry last month.

By-Laws Committee

Dave F. has already emailed to the Vestry the committee's proposed schedule for reviewing and discussing changes to our By-laws, so that these changes can be submitted to the Diocese in October. Dave F. will email the entire set of By-Law changes proposed by the committee to all Vestry members very shortly. He anticipates a discussion of these changes happening at the August Vestry meeting.

Vestry meeting day changed

The monthly meeting of St. Mary's Vestry will take place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in July and August and until further notice. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Linda closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie E. Gustafson
Clerk