

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2017

Present: Senior Warden- Linda Drummond, Junior Warden – Dave Monroe, Treasurer- Chris Bartlett, Christian Myers, Michelle Freitas, Jenny Williams, Dave Ferkinhoff, Trish Culver, Chris Barker, Peter Collins, Paul Westrom, and the Rev. Jennifer Pedrick.

Absent: Clerk– Mattie Gustafson and Steve Downing

Jennifer began the meeting at 6:10 p.m. with prayer and a Bible study of Luke, Chapter 24.

Consent Agenda

Dave M. made a motion, seconded by Chris Bartlett, that we accept the Consent Agenda, which included the Minutes and Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Rector's Time

Jennifer presented the Rector's Report with Staffing Updates and Holy Week and Easter service attendance numbers. There was an increase in attendance on Palm Sunday by 31, increase in Triduum of 44, and on Easter Sunday by 29.

Jennifer also presented The Staffing Proposal, dated April 27, 2017 and written by the Executive Committee, to the Vestry.

[The vestry went into Executive session to discuss the staffing proposal]

Coming out of executive session, Peter Collins made a motion to offer the job of Christian Formation Director to Gabe Giella. The motion was seconded by Dave Monroe and the vote was unanimous to accept the motion. The vote was also unanimous to accept the proposed staffing budget connected to the staffing proposal.

Property Report – Dave Monroe

The Montessori School

(See written report.) A motion was made "that the vestry favorably endorse the concept of renting a room and associated facilities to the Montessori school enterprise." The move was seconded by Dave F. and the approval was unanimous. Dave M. will negotiate which room and associated expenses with Montessorri program leaders.

Solar Panels

(See written report.) After brief discussion, Paul Westrom made a motion “that we ask the Sarah Gibbs Trustees to allow St. Mary’s Episcopal Church of Portsmouth, RI to erect a Photo-voltaic (PV) array on the west of the garden as shown in the picture included in the report. The motion was seconded by Chris Bartlett and accepted unanimously.

Discipleship

All members agreed that the vestry retreat would best be postponed to September or October. Peter will send out a new Doodle Poll to determine the best date for holding the retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with a prayer.

**The day and time of our next Vestry meeting is
Thursday May 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
P. M. Culver for
Mattie E. Gustafson, Clerk