

St. Mary's Church Vestry Meeting Tuesday, July 21, 2020, Held by Zoom Video Conference

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm

Present:

Ann Lovejoy Johnson
Karen Fedorchak
Karen Armogida
Sarah Tierinni
Beth Bickley
Mechelle Olortegui
Joy Dorin
Gene Marinelli
Harry Perry
Jo-Ann Swanson

Absent:

Jessica Tomic
Bruce Perry
Noreen Kirk

Minutes from the June meeting amended and passed

Finance: Gene reported that there was not much happening. \$2000 monthly transfer took place, \$425.00 for handicap button for door.

Misc. Acct#34 composed of the Sarah Haugh bequest, Harris , anonymous and capital fund
Operating fund- As of June, almost \$10,000 deficit, almost \$1,000 less in pledges, nothing for building use, \$1,100 from Iglesias R.E.D.,
\$40,900.00 surplus at end of June. See report for details.

Harry asked about a second round of PPPs and Gene said there was not one at this time.

Motion made to accept Treasurer's report and accepted.

Building update:

The repair work continues and could be done by the end of the week. They power washed the entire front of the church. The building did not need a full rebuild at the damaged location. Randy will go into the building and start repairs in the balcony, prep work needed before plastering can be done.

Rector's report- see written report

Sarah's survey question: Would you be comfortable at an outside service?

She had 51 responses, 29-yes and 22-no

Gene inquired about another round of check-in phone calls and not many had been made at

this time.

60 of 142 voters have had some contact with Ann. 39 of 142 show up for Zoom services.

The Thursday morning prayer service in July had 43 views.

Conversations were held about contacts made, reasons for and speculations of why not.

Sarah talked about one of the draw-backs in the recorded services being the stress of working so hard to make sure the technology is working and not having a spiritual experience.

Mechelle suggested we ask if technical help is needed when we make the phone calls.

Announcements:

Compline will be five days, skipping Thursday and Sunday, on line. Four joined this past Monday. Are these folks the same as the Zoom service attendees? They are pretty much the same people.

School supplies- unknown at this time, maybe a drive-by for PPP supplies in August.

Doors for project- all seven doors are available for painting, paint has been ordered and delivered, brushes are also available.

Discussion about door /BLM sign followed.

Joy- process followed to respond to Auden/Spooner letter. Surprised that there was no discussion about the sign and the e-mail. It's another example of major discussions missing rationales and context.

Joy objects to the "fist" on the BLM sign saying it represents violence to her and has no place at church.

No vestry discussion was held on this. Beth supports the sign but not the fist.

Karen A. wondered about the lack of signage on our church grounds to show our support.

Mechelle: supports the doors project saying it's about humanity and we need to take a stand on all types of injustices

Harry: Reminded us that Ann has had a BLM sign in the Williams building for several years now. She was given some problems by people when that first went up.

Sarah: Ann had come to her to ask about the doors and should it be done. Sarah told her yes. Sarah apologized for not including others in that decision.

Harry: Social justice is for all and he disagreed or at least questioned the two issues of black lives and LGBTQ being on the same sign.

Purpose: to let everyone know where the Episcopal Church stands on this

Dottie Cannon: adding her name to the plaque near the memorial garden- looking in to changes for her name plaque

Have Sandy or Randy researched it? This should happen on August 16th on St. Mary's Day.

Non-vestry people will be requested to help plan an evening service on 8/16. Beth, Joy, and Edith are on the committee and Sarah suggested that they ask Mark Winzler for advice.

Joy- Holy Cow update: we have 13 great questions

Themes: mission, faith community: is it recommended as a faith community? What weighs on your mind? What is our role in the community?

Three questions about St. Mary's and Concordia: Do you join the Zoom services? What about St. Mary's finances; do we sell the building or maintain it, what about staffing? How will we erase the deficit? The committee will meet next Thursday to fine-tune the questions.

Minnie Wortley- Jen Carlson was in a strict quarantine in order to visit her parents so there was a delay in decisions which will now take place.

There will be a virtual coffee hour after the service next Sunday with Mechelle volunteering to be the hostess. Other volunteers will be needed for future services.

Janet Platz has an abundance of jams jellies, sauces and pickles which she would love to sell. A time and place will be decided.

Gene suggested that a note be placed in the happenings asking for donations to the rector's discretionary fund which is quite low at this time.

The meeting was called with a closing prayer at 8:25.

Submitted by J. Swanson