

St. Mary's Vestry Meeting March 24, 2020

Present: Gene Marinelli, Ann Lovejoy Johnson, Noreen Kirk, Elizabeth Bickley, Mechelle Olortegui, Karen Armogida, Sarah Tierinni, Jo-Ann Swanson, Harry Perry

Absent: Bruce Perry

Guest: Karen Fedorchak, deacon emeritus, Randy Brown

Deacon Karen opened the meeting via Zoom with our traditional prayer.

The group took turns reporting in on the well-being calls to parish members. Consensus was that parishioners appreciated the calls and were doing well, in general.

Randy Brown was then asked to report on the building proposal with the company in Sturbridge, MA, to do the repair work around the steeple and area surrounding the bell tower. The company works in specialty restoration and has done work at South Methodist.

Randy and Bruce attached a memorandum with the approximate cost which did not include the inside work. Outside work must be done first. Gene said that regardless of options, the work has to be done.

Discussion on decision to go forward, negotiating prices, where the money was to come from etc.

Proposal made to accept offer from Colonial Restoration for \$71,900 for removal of roof system and replace with a new one, work not to exceed \$114,500.

Second proposal made to have Randy and Bruce talk to Restoration again to choose either one or the other.

Beth B. Seconded the motion, all voted yes, motioned passed.

February minutes presented with the need to amend the following: There are two bequeaths received at this time with a third pending. Vote taken and amendment passed.

Treasurer's Report presented by Gene, general feeling given the new circumstances is that we are tracking close to last year's numbers.

It was agreed that we would make our diocese pledge payment for March and possibly hold back April's. The vote was unanimous.

Joy made a motion to accept report, Karen A. seconded it and it passed.

Joy reported on survey progress. Team had met earlier and had the intention of presenting the idea and answering questions. Due to the circumstances of the virus, we decided to table the survey and revisit the program at a later date.

Final items: Sandy and Ann's new schedules, building cleaning schedule, closing of the building to the parish and public, Holy Week options, staying connected with calls to parishioners just as originally planned, holding off on additional seasonal sharing until a better plan is formulated for distribution.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Swanson

Vestry clerk