

## Vestry Minutes – April 23, 2019

*God Cooks; we share the feast.*

### **Present:**

The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson, Rector

Mechelle Olortegui    Eileen Christensen    Jessica Tomic    Gene Marinelli

Sarah Tierinni    Karen Armogida    Noreen Kirk    JoAnn Swanson

**ABSENT:** Nate Carlson    Joy Dorin    Bruce Perry    Harry Perry (Left 7pm)

**Guests:** Deacon Karen Fedorchak

**Quorum:** Yes

**Call To Order with Opening Prayer:** Led by Ann saying “A Prayer for St. Mary’s”

**Guidelines for Mutuality:** Reviewed topics followed by individual reflections.

**Dwelling in the Word:** Mark 4:26-34

- Reading, reflecting and sharing thoughts

### **New Business:**

Prayer Team wrote prayers for Easter season Thanksgivings for Ministries to be read at Sunday Services

NAMI CT Walk will take place on Saturday May 18, 2019 in Bushnell Park. Loose offerings from the Sunday Services on May 19, 2019 will be donated to the NAMI CT Walk.

Manchester Interfaith Corporation, (MIC) is a social action committee with an opportunity to name another delegate from St. Mary’s Church to join with Eileen Christensen.

- Prospective to renovate 20 housing units on North Elm Street including sidewalks & parking lots

Invitation from Concordia’s Council for joint worship this summer

- Two Sunday Services will be held
- Joint worship in July & August with the exclusion of the last Sunday of each month
- All present were in favor of the plans

Tim Hodapp will visit with us on Sunday July 28, 2019 including a Pot luck with the Parish

Invite Concordia to worship in our Church for St. Mary’s Day on Sunday August 25, 2019

Invitation to “Faithful Futures” program on Thursday May 2, 2019 at ECCT

- Effective Leadership in Times of Change and Anxiety

Mechelle spoke about with her visit to a “Merging Episcopal and Lutheran Church” on Palm Sunday

Sustainability Team Alerted the Vestry that a variance would need to be approved to allow St. Mary's to rent the Williams Building to any renter rather than only non-profit organizations.

- Bruce and Gene will be meeting with an attorney to discuss zoning and variances, tax consequences, ETC.

Motion made to contact a realtor to begin networking in search of tenants of the Williams Building

- Motion made by Mechelle, seconded by Karen Armogida, approved unanimously

#### **Continuing Business:**

The Sustainability Team Gave the Vestry an Event Checklist for St. Mary's fundraising and Major Events

Music Ministry

- Still In Search

Motion made for Approval of March 2019 minutes

- Motions made by Eileen Christenson and seconded by JoAnn Swanson, approved unanimously

#### **Treasurers' Report and Finance Committee:**

Last Month's Report

- Unanimously approved
  - Sarah Tierrini made the motion and seconded by Noreen Kirk
- Gene recommended on behalf of the Finance Committee to send St. Mary's diocesan pledge to ECCT for the month of April

Executive Session

- Motion made by Sarah Tierrini and seconded by Eileen Christensen, unanimously approved
- Eileen motioned to end Executive Session and Mechelle seconded, unanimously approved

**Adjourned At:** 9:07pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Tomic

Clerk of the Vestry