

VESTRY MINUTES – August 21, 2018

God Cooks; we share the feast.

Present:

The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson, Rector

Laura Hart

Nancy Sampson

Gene Marinelli

Joy Dorin

Mechelle Tovar Olortegui

Sarah Tierinni

Eileen Christensen

Nate Carlson

Harry Perry

Jessica Tomic

ABSENT: Dotti Cannon

Guests: Beth Bickley, Randy Brown, and Jeff Hart

Quorum: Yes

Call to order with opening prayer: Led by Ann with attendees saying, “A Prayer for St. Mary’s Church”.

Tools for Mutual Ministry: Read one at a time with following thoughts

New Business:

- Presentation by Finance Committee – 33 Park Street
 - o More challenging as the process continues
 1. Selling vs. Leasing
 2. More information needed for decision
 3. Many questions – Zoning, Surveying, Appraisals, Variance, Frontage, and more
 4. Town requirements
 5. Financial considerations
 - o More time needed to complete preparations that will lead to a well informed decision by the parishioners.
- Preparation for August 26th Parish Discovery Meeting after the 9:00 A.M. service
 - o Update to inform parishioners the need for more time to collect information.
 1. Gene Marinelli and Joy Dorin have discovered more options.
 2. Therefore more research to answer new questions need to be pursued.
 3. The building has potential to be financially advantageous.
 4. After the collecting the data, the Finance Committee and Vestry will be prepared to make a decision.
 5. In turn, the informed parishioners will have an opportunity to vote.
 6. The next Parish Meeting - TBD

Continuing Business:

- Feedback from the session with The Rev. Virginia Army – Next steps
See attachment – Priority and Goal Setting Meeting
- Shared Music Ministry with Concordia Lutheran Church - included in the attached Rector’s Report
- Survey of building usage – Jessica Tomic
- “Dumpster Party” - Successful – will be meeting to determine building usage

- Security Assessment – On Hold
- Racial Reconciliation – Films are part of the fall plans.

Vestry Minutes – The minutes of the Vestry Meeting on July 23, 2018, were unanimously approved. Motion made by Joy Dorin and seconded by Eileen Christensen.

Rector’s Report:

- Proposal for each fifth Sunday be a combined service.
- See attachment for more information.

Treasurers’ Report:

- Operating Account as of July 31, 2018
- July income: \$35,279.64
- July expenses: \$22,983.38
- Net **Gain** in July: \$12,296.26
- Non-Budget Funds as of July 31, 2018
- Ending balance: \$43,743.06

Cash in Bank - \$19,317.24

Motion by Nate Carlson and seconded by Eileen Christensen to accept the treasurers’ report..

Unanimously approved..

Committee Reports:

- Stewardship – Mechelle Tovar Olortegui
 - o Supplemental pledge update
 - o \$16,583 in extra pledges for the rest of 2018 will help decrease the projected \$49,000 budget deficit.
- Bennet partnership – Continues now including the fifth graders along with the sixth graders
- Outreach and Mission – Collection of 101 backpacks, school supplies for students and teachers continues.
- Christian Formation – To be scheduled like last year with classes done by 11:00 A.M.

Resolution:

- **Resolved** that the Vestry of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, appoints Dan Platz to the Memorial Garden Committee for a three-year term, concluding 2021. Motion made by The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson. Approved unanimously by email.

Announcement : CCIU (CT Council for Interreligious Understanding) – Invitation

Adjourned – 8:44 P.M.

Next Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. in Anderson Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sampson, Clerk of the Vestry

