

VESTRY MINUTES – January 22, 2019

God Cooks; we share the feast.

Present:

The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson, Rector

Laura Hart Mechelle Olortegui Eileen Christensen Jessica Tomic

Dotti Cannon Sarah Tierinni

Nancy Sampson

Gene Marinelli

Joy Dorin

ABSENT: Nate Carlson and Harry Perry

Guests: None

Quorum: Yes

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

Guidelines for Mutuality: Reviewed topics followed by individual reflections.

Dwelling in the Word: Luke 9 57-62

- Reading, reflecting, and sharing some thoughts
- Wherever we go, we have God in person of Jesus.
- Being nudged
- “Follow me.”

New Business:

- Mutual Ministry Review on January 16, 2019 – Discussion
 - o Beneficial having other parishioners as guests attend the meeting.
 - o Helped pave the way to meeting with Canon Louis Fuertes and Bishop Laura.
 - o Openness – Going forward
 - o Things to get done which there is a consensus
 - 1 Help parish of St. Mary’s see that we are so much bigger than our buildings.
 - 2 Focus on who we are as a community
 - 3 Greater efforts at communicating in transparent ways with the entire parish so they have a better understanding of the hard choices and decisions that have to be made. Keep our priorities and challenges visible to the entire congregation. Be bold, decisive, and united when a plan is made and executed.
 - 4 Continue collaboration with other parishes and community partners
 - 5 Hire a musician
 - 6 Launch Sustainability Team
- Meeting with Canon Louis Fuertes and Bishop Laura
 - o Many options to help solve St. Mary’s finances
 - 1 Seek experts
 - 2 Facing financial realities
 - 3 Be proactive
 - 4 Relax some restrictions

- 5 Information about partnerships
- 6 Merging with other Episcopal Church
- 7 Becoming stronger – Adjusting
- o Hiring steps for shared Director of Music – Concordia and St Mary’s
 - 1 Options available
 - 2 Sharing with another Episcopal Church
 - 3 Sharing with another Lutheran church
 - 4 Short term – long term
- Search for Music Director/ organist, pianist – Collaboration
 - 1 Inquiries through Concordia
 - 2 Two or three people – focus
 - 3 Planning team from both churches
 - 4 Choir members need to decide on this better plan

Continuing Business:

- Prospective Vestry Members have accepted the offered positions to be voted on at annual Meeting.
- Planning for Annual Meeting – January 22, 2019, after 9:00 A.M. service in Anderson Hall.
 - o Food offerings from Dotti Cannon and other Vestry members.
 - o Kickoff Activity is a small group exercise.
 - 1 Each group chooses one of two discussion questions- shared written summary with whole group.
 - o Annual Treasurers’ Report
 - o 33 Park Street Tours every two weeks beginning February 17,
 - 1 Much progress
 - 2 Floors focus now.
 - o Sustainable Committee
 - o Committee Summaries in booklets
 - o Question and answer session
- Vestry Greeter Schedule
 - o Volunteers - Hospitality /Greeters
 - o Suggestions to interact with parishioners
 - o Hosting coffees – after 9:00 A.M. service on the fifth service of those specific months.
- **Minutes:**
 - o The Minutes of the Vestry meeting on December 18, 2018, were unanimously approved. Gene Marinelli made the motion while Joy Dorin seconded it.
 - o The Minutes of the Combined St. Mary’s Finance Committee /Vestry Meeting on January 8, 2019, were passed unanimously. Motion made by Gene Marinelli and seconded by Eileen Christensen.

Treasurers' Report:

- Operating Account as of December 31, 2018
- December income : \$34,331.10
- December expenses: \$32,491.91
- Net **Gain** in December: \$ 1,839.19
- Non-Budget Funds as of December 31, 2019.
- Ending Balance: \$70,487.76
Cash on Hand - \$12,045.56

Resolutions:

- **Resolved**, the Vestry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, hereby approve the purchase of Malmark 25-note Choir Chimes plus case for \$1,275 (or the current price at the time of purchase) plus shipping and taxes (if applicable) and authorize the Treasurer to withdraw the necessary funds to purchase these chimes from the St. Mary's Music Ministry Fund held by Donations and Bequests for Church purposes, Inc. at ECCT.
Motion made by Jessica Tomic and second by Dotti Cannon. **Passed unanimously.**
- **Resolved**, the Vestry of St. Mary's church approve the Regional Confirmation Youth trip to Night Watch New York City on April 5-6, 2019. Motion made by Eileen Christensen and seconded by Gene Marinelli. **Passed unanimously.**

Rector's Notes:

- Clergy from St. Mary's, Concordia, and Emanuel, will be planning on collaboration during Lent and Holy Week.
- Sending an invitation to Concordia Council to meet on February 27, 2019, 6-8 P.M. for conversation.

Announcements:

- February 3, 2019 – Boy Scout Breakfast after 9:00 A.M. Scout Sunday Service.
- February 10, 2019 – Racial Healing, Justice & Reconciliation- Hosting a forum on racial reconciliation.

How did we do?

"Great!" "Covered a lot!" "Positive conversation!"

Adjourned at: 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Sampson

Clerk of the Vestry