

VESTRY MINUTES – July 17, 2018

God Cooks; we share the feast.

Present:

The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson, Rector

Laura Hart

Sarah Tierinni

Eileen Christensen

Harry Perry

Nancy Sampson

Nate Carlson

Gene Marinelli

Joy Dorin

ABSENT: Dotti Cannon, Mechelle Tovar Olortegui, and Jessica Tomic

Guest: The Rev. Virginia Army, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Vernon

Quorum: Yes

Call to order with opening prayer: Led by Ann with "Our Prayer to St. Mary's".

Tools for Mutual Ministry: Read individually with thoughtful reflections.

More Suggestions for Thought: - Discussion

- What's a parish in a Missional Age? It is a community.
- Spiritual practices in a missional age.

New Business: The Rev. Virginia Army

- St. Mary's future
 - o Where are we going?
 - o Establishing priorities
 - o Building on these priorities
 - o Increasing involvement
 - o Change is hard.
 1. Doubts
 2. Reception
 3. Sadness – loss
 4. Resistance – alienation of people
 5. Interactions
 6. Grieving for what we had
- Key groups – Life-giving to the parish
 - o 33 Park Street –Joy
 - o Intergeneration of members – two services
 - o Antiracism – Mechelle, Laura, and Ann
 - o Technology – Sarah
 - o Capital campaign – Nate
 - o Bennet Academy – Sarah
 - o Youth services – Laura
 - o Other groups
 - o More research to be done by named Vestry members – conversations
 - o Follow up of findings at next Vestry meeting

- Groups integral to the church's identity
 - o Liturgy*
 - o Pastoral Care
 - o Seasonal sharing*
 - o Creative Caring Hand
 - o Relations with public schools*
 - o MAAC / Wall of Hunger*
 - o Concerts
 - o Piece By Piece
 - o Linus Quilting
 - o Boy Scouts
 - o Carelines
 - o Christian education*
 - o Collaboration with Lutheran churches
- Sustainability – Parts that contribute to St. Marys's
 - o Financial
 - o Buildings and Grounds
 - o Stewardship
 - o Unity within the community

Resolutions:

- **Resolved** the Vestry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church calls for a Parish Meeting, as outlined in the By-Laws in Article III, Section 2. The meeting will be held on Sunday, August 26, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of voting on the sale of 33 Park Street. Motion made by Eileen Christensen and seconded by Sarah Tierinni . Approved unanimously.

Adjourned : at 8:31 P.M.

Next Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. in Anderson Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Sampson
Clerk of the Vestry