

## VESTRY MINUTES – November 20, 2018

*God Cooks; we share the feast.*

### **Present:**

The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson, Rector

Laura Hart

Mechelle Olortegui

Eileen Christensen

Harry Perry

Dotti Cannon

Sarah Tierinni

Jessica Tomic

Nancy Sampson

Gene Marinelli

Joy Dorin

**ABSENT:** Nate Carlson

**Guests:** No

**Quorum:** Yes

**Call to order with “Our Prayer to St. Mary’s”:** Led by The Rev. Ann.

**Opening:** Guidelines for Mutuality - Members took turns to read the guidelines followed by each individual’s reflection.

**Dwelling in the Word:** After reading Roman 12, a discussion sharing one’s thoughts followed,

**Spiritual Exercise:** Beginning Discernment for candidates to fill the vacancies in the new vestry.

### **New Business:**

- Creating an Ad Hoc Committee as proposed by Ann and the two wardens
  - o Volunteers – Dotti, Sarah, and Joy
  - o Discussion of purpose and necessity
    - 1 Guidelines for deciding, “What’s happening at St. Mary’s”
    - 2 To prepare a form that would be used to describe groups who contribute their skills and talents to St. Mary’s. (For ex. Outreach, Functions, and Fundraisers)
    - 3 Review of Ministries to be presented at the January Vestry Meeting: Members, Leadership, Purpose, Impact, Budget, Time, Self-Evaluation.
- Fifth Sunday will have one combined service at 9:00A.M.
  - o Dates: Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, and Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Music –To Be Determined
  - o Brunch or suggested intergenerational activity would follow the one service.
- Services from June to September
  - o 7:30 A.M. and 9:00 A.M.
  - o decision reached by consensus to keep permanent schedule 7:30 & 9:00 A.M.
- Music Director: Strong desire to continue sharing music with Concordia
  - o Recommendation on sharing a Choral Director a possibility after a meeting with members of the Concordia Council and St. Mary’s Vestry.
- High priority – community partnership with Emanuel and Concordia Lutheran Churches.
  - o Music

- o Antiracism
- o Bennet Academy
- o Seasonal Sharing
- Music Experiment – Wide range of reactions – joy, hope, negatives to name a few
- Guiding Priorities –What is best for St. Mary’s
  - o Foster unity and sense of community
  - o Strengthen and expand collaborative partnership with Concordia and Emanuel Lutheran Churches.
  - o Bennet Academy
  - o St. John’s – confirmation class
  - o Continue music with Concordia

**Continuing Business:**

- The minutes of the Vestry meeting on September 18, 2018, were unanimously approved. Motion was made by Eileen Christensen and seconded by Mechelle Olortegui.
- The Notes of the Vestry meeting on October 10, 2018, were shared and discussed.
- Rector’s and Wardens’ Report –See details in their report.

**Treasurers’ Report:**

- Operating Account as of October 31, 2018
- October income: \$42,368.93
- October expenses: \$27,771.83
- Net **Gain** in October: \$14,597.10
- Non-Budget Funds as of October 31, 2018
- Ending Balance: \$41,873.01

*Cash on Hand -\$17,748.16*

Motion made to approve the September and October Treasurers’ Reports by Eileen Christensen and seconded by Laura Hart. Approved unanimously.

**33 Park Street Update:**

- Joy Dorin and Gene Marinelli consulted with John Zimmer for ideas.
- Decision to move forward in updating the building in order to rent. Work will be done during the winter.

**Committee Reports:**

- Stewardship – Mechelle’s report is in the attachment.
- Christmas in New England – See Valerie Huestis’s report.
- Seasonal Sharing – See Sarah’s detailed report.

**Announcements:**

- Schedule for worship services from January to September -7:30 AM and 9:00 A.M with the combined services staying at 9:00 A.M.
- New Vestry Members – four or five, not yet determined
  - o Dwelling of the Word
  - o Discernment – potential Vestry members

- Ad Hoc Committee established.
- Annual Parish Meeting – January 27, 2019
- Organist hiring – pending preparation of 2019 budget

**Adjourned** - 9:17 P.M.

**How did we do ?**

“A lot done!!!!”      “Made some decisions.”

**Next Vestry Meeting** – Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. in Anderson Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Sampson  
Clerk of the Vestry