

VESTRY MINUTES – September 18, 2018

God Cooks; we share the feast.

Present:

The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson, Rector

Laura Hart

Dotti Cannon

Nancy Sampson

Gene Marinelli

Joy Dorin

Mechelle Olortegui

Sarah Tierinni

Eileen Christensen

Nate Carlson

Jessica Tomic

ABSENT: 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: Members of the Vestry read each entry followed by individual reflections.

New Business:

- Visits with Ann – Each Vestry member is requested to sign up for an appointment to meet with Ann in the next few weeks. A time for conversation.
- Vestry greeters’ schedule - A Vestry member at each service is asked to sign up as a greeter for the purpose of expressing a word of welcome to St. Mary’s along with an invitation to Coffee Hour. A Coffee Hour signup needs to be passed around – suggesting two volunteers for each event.
- Fall Christian Formation –
 - o Sunday, September 16th – Seventeen signed up – including Godly Play, Regional Confirmation class (4 from St. Mary’s), Rite 13, Mentoring.
 - o Forum led by Andrea Burr – To be held two times a month at 10:15 A.M. – alternating Sundays.
 - o Spiritual Formation –Led by Eileen Christensen Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M. Bible Study. All are welcome.
- Fall Stewardship Plans:
 - o Still in planning stage – “Reaching Hands” – theme
 - o Mechelle’s report on Faithful Futures – Sharing of parishes – how do churches plan, organize, and execute stewardship campaign
 - o New pledge form
 - o Campaign Kick-off – October 14th – One service at 9:00 A.M.
 - o Wrap-up of Campaign – November 4, 2018

Continuing Business:

- Shared Music Ministry with Concordia Lutheran Church
 - o More conversations needed with Parishioners
 1. Reactions of congregations
 2. Choir members – changes

- o Alternative
- o Parish conversation – September 30th
- Let’s Talk About It: racism documentary series – September 26th
 - o Studying with Concordia and Emanuel
 - o To be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month – Sept. 26, Oct. 24, and Nov. 28.
 - o Identical programs – noon at St. Mary’s and Concordia at 6:30 P.M. (Supper at 6:00 P.M.)
 - o First film: “Traces of the Trade”.
- Safe Church Training
 - o A check who has and will be having the training next Saturday at St. Peters.
 - o Important to give Sandy a copy of the completion certificate.
- Finance committee – Gene Marinelli and Joy Dorin
 - o Update on 33 Park Street
 - o August 26th Parish Meeting – Comments indicated the committee’s work has been thorough. Positive reactions..
 - o Survey completed.
 - o Met with planning executive.
 - o Options – selling as two-family house or one- family - same requirements
 - o Leasing option - Considering. More investigation.
 - o Need – Land-Use attorney

Break for Evening Prayer – 7:00 P.M.

Vestry meeting resumes.

Minutes: The minutes of the Vestry meeting on August 21, 2018, were unanimously approved. Motion made by Eileen Christensen and seconded by Mechelle Olortegui.

Rector’s Report:

- Ann’s priority has been pastoral. Planning to continue Wednesdays following 10:00 A.M. Eucharist.
- More details attached to the minutes.

Treasurers’ Report:

- Operating Account as of August 31, 2018
- August income: \$25,445.30
- August expenses: \$38,356.30
- Net **Loss** in August: \$(12,911.00)
- Non-Budget Funds as of August 31, 2018
- Ending balance: \$46,027.13
Cash on hand - \$6,363.24 – August 31, 2018
- Motion to accept the Treasurers’ Report made by Laura Hart and seconded by Dotti Cannon. Approved unanimously.

The Vestry expressed appreciation for all the work done by Gene Marinelli, Joy Dorin, and the Finance Committee.

Committee Reports:

- Stewardship : Mechelle
 - o Committee planning to modify letter to the parishioners

- o No goal yet.
- o Outreach different times of the year – not only for financial needs.
 1. Calls begin.
 2. More personal contacts
- Other reports – noted previously.

Executive Session: Motions to begin and end session made by Eileen Christensen and seconded by Joy Dorin.

Resolutions:

- **Resolved** that the Vestry of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church approve a withdrawal from St. Mary’s “Capital Reserve Fund” in the amount of \$5,145 to pay for the Appraisal (\$575) and the Surveyor’s work (\$4,470) related to the discussions about the future of 33 Park Street . Motion made by Gene Marinelli and seconded by Dotti Cannon. **Passed unanimously.**
- **Resolved** that the Vestry of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church approve the 2017 Audit Report. Motion made by Eileen Christensen and seconded by Joy Dorin. **Passed unanimously.**

Announcement:

- Autumn Harvest Dinner and Auction – September 29, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.

How did we do?

“Got a lot accomplished!”

Vestry adjourned at 9:11 P.M.

Next Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30 in Anderson Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Sampson
Clerk of the Vestry