

## VESTRY NOTES – October 16, 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

**ABSENT:** Nate Carlson, Eileen Christensen, Jessica Tomic, and Harry Perry

**Guests:** Ruth McElraevy and Robin Martocci

**Quorum:** No

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

**Guidelines for Mutuality:** Members of the Vestry read each entry followed by reflection.

### **Prayer and Reflection:**

- Members reflected on Vestry’s identity and how it defines who they are.
  - o What is it that we do that is central to our identity and defines who we are? Why?
  - o How was it started? How has it changed?
- Individual responses posted.

### **Shared Music Ministry Experiment:**

- Robin Martocci and Ruth McElraevy - Choir members who participated in the Summer Try-On with Concordia Lutheran Church
  - o With three Concordia members they chose hymns and liturgies familiar to both churches.
  - o Wonderful experience
- Going into September and fall activities
  - o To schedule a meeting time with the joint choirs and conversation
  - o Need to decide on choices and procedures including practices.
- Concordia will be returning to their former times in January, 2019.
- Good relationship continues between the two churches – Choirs wish to sing together at larger events.
- What happens at St. Mary’s depends on what we do.
  - o Possibilities:
    1. A group to choose litanies and hymns
    2. Practice and services all in one day.
  - o Ideal – organist, music director, and church musician
- Financial deficit – a significant consideration

### **New Business:**

- Next steps with the Rev. Virginia Army
  - o Mutual Ministry – Review – clergy, vestry

- o Prioritizing- working together as a community
- o Considering justice work- CAC – Explore a community organizing effort
- o Meet with Virginia January 15, 2019
- Vestry Greeter – Schedule updated and emailed

**Vestry Minutes:** Minutes of the Vestry meeting on September 18, 2018. Approval postponed due to lack of quorum.

**Rector’s Report:** See attachment.

**Treasurers’ Report:**

- Operating Account as of September 30, 2018
- September income: \$15,977.51
- September expenses: \$27,885.92
- Net **Loss** in September \$(11,908.41)
- Non-Budget Funds as of September 30, 2018
- Ending Balance: \$46,144.00

Cash on hand - \$3,151.06 – September 30, 2018  
 Cumulative deficit - \$(33,000)

- Approval postponed until next vestry meeting.

**Budget – 2019:**

- Discussion stage
- On the same timeline
- Vote on 2019 budget – December 18, 2018

**33 Park Street:**

- Finance Committee exploring the goal to keeping it as an asset.
- John Zimmer being consulted

**Committee Reports:**

- Stewardship
  - o Pledge letters sent out to parishioners
  - o Speakers from the community partners and parishioners will talk about why St. Mary’s Matters.
  - o Three weeks later on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 A.M. combined service , the Campaign will wind up, and all will celebrate with apple pie.
  - o Fewer parishioners are receiving the pledge letter.
  - o Packets for new parishioners
- Outreach Thanksgiving Seasonal Sharing began October 4<sup>th</sup>. Produce Sunday – November 11<sup>th</sup>, and Delivery Day is November 18<sup>th</sup>. Supporting up to thirty families from MACC and Bennet Academy.

**Executive Session -** None

**Resolutions** - None

**Adjourned** – at 9:03 P.M.

**How did we do?**

“Covered a lot!”

**Next Vestry Meeting** - Tuesday, November 20, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. in Anderson Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Sampson  
Clerk of the Vestry