

**VESTRY MINUTES – February 20, 2018**  
*God Cooks; we share the feast.*

**Present:**

The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson, Rector  
Laura Hart            Mechelle Tovar Olortegui            Eileen Christensen            Harry Perry  
Nancy Sampson    Sarah Tierinni  
Gene Marinelli  
Joy Dorin

**ABSENT:** Dotti Cannon, Nate Carlson, and Jessica Tomic

**Guests:** Randy Brown

**Quorum:** Yes

**Call to order with opening prayer:** Led by Ann, the Vestry members said: “Our Prayer to St. Mary’s Church”

**Correspondence:** None

**Tools for Mutual Ministry:** Taking turns, each read one guideline. Individuals noted which were more meaningful and why.

**Welcoming new members:** Joy Dorin, Harry Perry, and Jessica Tomic were welcomed to the new Vestry.

**Presentation from Memorial Garden Committee:**

- Randy Brown described the new plaque.
  - o Cost for the 24x24 bronze plaque, title inscriptions, Celtic Cross design, drawings, shipping, and installation is \$4,335.
    1. Two column style for names
    2. Inscription:

St. Mary’s Memorial Garden  
To the Glory of God  
Given in Loving Memory
- The vendor is K.G. Keena Memorials, Inc.
  - o Cares for Memorial Garden stones
  - o Handles engraving.
- Example of plaque shared
- The Garden Remembrance Register will be gifted by Sharron and Fred Ring.
- The contract with K.G. Keena was signed with the plan to pay half now and the other half upon completion.
- Possible dedication near May 6 , Rogation Day.
- Mission is to honor all God’s people
- Memorial Funds to be withdrawn from the Book of remembrance Fund.

**New Business:**

- Several years ago Valerie Huestis created a Music Ministry account in memory of her aunt, Margaret Street. Valerie continues to add \$500 annually to enhance the music ministry.
- Proposal to distribute money from the Music Ministry Fund as Valerie has requested.
  - o Discussion on planned programs
    - 1 Contra Dance – April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. with MACC benefitting from proceeds.
    - 2 Goza – a Latin Jazz Band – Date TBD
    - 3 Cost of two programs is \$1200 total.
    - 4 Evaluate after each performance.
- Discussion on Music Ministry and Outreach Committee.
  1. Possibly expand partnership with Bennet Academy to include a music component.
  2. Other ideas discussed.
- Memorial Donation Funds– Sharing of Guidelines prepared to inform ways to donate funds.
- Houses of Worship Training with Manchester Police Department
  - o Responding to violence
  - o Assessment appointment

**Continuing Business:**

- Conversation following Annual Meeting on 1/21 and Louis Fuertis presentation on 1/25. – Tabled
- “Becoming a Beloved Community”
  - o Reading, “So You Want to Talk about Race” by Ijeoma Oluo – Still in process.
- Troup 27 - Eagle Scout project – Update
  - o Nico Espitia, Eagle Scout candidate, and his team of thirty plastered, painted, repaired walls as well as cleaning all the wood in St. Mary’s.
  - o Saturday, February 17, 2018- worked over one hundred man hour under the supervision of Randy Brown and Eileen Christensen.
  - o Many positive observations with gratitude

**Break for Evening Prayer**

**Vestry Minutes :** The minutes for the Vestry meeting on January 16, 2018, were unanimously approved with three corrections. Motion made by Eileen Christensen and seconded by Joy Dorin.

**Treasurers’ Report for January**

- Operating Account as of January 31, 2018.
- January income: \$37,142.
- January expenses: \$(34,300)
- **Net Gain** in January: \$(2,842)
- Non-Budget Funds as of January 31, 2018
- Ending Balance: \$48,639)

Notes: Cash in Bank - \$32,082; Ahead of Budget- \$2842)

- Motion to approve the Treasurers’ Report as presented made by Mechelle Tovar Olortegui and seconded by Sarah Tierinni. Approved unanimously

**Rector’s Report:**

- 018 “Wall Out Hunger” to benefit MACC and Bennet 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy. Last day –Palm Sunday

- Undie Sunday” – March 4<sup>th</sup> to benefit MACC and Bennet Family Resource Center. “
- eltic Vespers – March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. C
- he Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson’s Ordination Anniversary – March 18<sup>th</sup> T
- ortheast Region Lenten Retreat Day – St. Peter’s Episcopal Church South Windsor – March 17<sup>th</sup> N

**Wardens’ Report** – None

**Executive Session:**

- motion to begin session at 8:10 P.M. made by Eileen Christensen and seconded by Harry Perry. M
- motion to end session at 8:25 P.M. made by Eileen Christensen and seconded by Joy Dorin. M

**Resolutions:**

- **resolved** that the Vestry of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church approve the purchase and installation of a memorial wall plaque on the adjacent wall in the handicapped entrance portico (as presented). The plaque will be separate and distinct from names of those interred in the Garden. Any gift given to the Memorial Garden will be permanently recorded in the Garden Remembrance Register. Gifts \$500 or more given in memory will be memorialized on the plaque. Motion made by Eileen Christensen and seconded by Mechelle Tovar Olortegui. **Passed unanimously.** **R**
- **resolved** that the Vestry of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church approve the request to use the Book of Remembrance Fund for the initial establishment of the Memorial Gifts Plaque at the cost of \$4,335. Motion made by Gene Marinelli and seconded by Eileen Christensen. **Passed unanimously.** **R**
- **resolved** that the Vestry of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church fund the \$1200 cost for both programs, as presented, the Contra Dance and Goza, a Latin Jazz Band with plans to discuss linking partnership with Bennet in conjunction with the music director. Motion made by Gene Marinelli and seconded by Harry Perry. **Passed unanimously.** **R**
- **resolved** that the Vestry of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church approve the Parochial Report as presented by Gene Marinelli. Motion made by Eileen Christensen and seconded by Joy Dorin. **Passed unanimously.** **R**
- **resolved** that the Vestry of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church approve to pay The Rev. Ann Lovejoy Johnson’s moving expenses from the Transition Fund and the Book of Remembrance Fund. Motion made by Gene Marinelli and seconded by Eileen Christensen. **Passed unanimously.** **R**
- **resolved** that the Vestry of St. Mary’s approve the creation of an additional non-vestry member position on the Finance Committee. Motion made by Eileen Christensen and seconded by Joy Dorin. **Passed unanimously.** **R**

- **esolved** that the Vestry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church approve the appointment of Jeffrey Hart to be on the Finance Committee. Motion made by Joy Dorin and seconded by Mechelle Tovar Olortegui. **Passed unanimously.**

R

**Announcements:** "Office Hours" at Silk City Coffee resume Friday, from 1-3 P.M.

**How Did We Do?**

"Long!!!" "We learned to disagree.."

**Adjourned** at 8:35 P.M.

**Next Vestry Meeting** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00 with Evening Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Sampson  
Clerk of the Vestry