

Vestry Meeting September 17, 2017

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Present: Linda Joseph, Dr. David Harshaw, Carol Brown, Sue Faulkner, Paul Wilborn, Rev. Susie Comer, Janna Hammett, Mary Black Davis

Absent: Robert Oliver, Wade Wooten

At 11:42 a.m. Rev. Susie Comer opened the meeting with a prayer for the parish. Paul Wilborn moved that the minutes of the June 11, 2017 meeting be approved with the correction of the spelling of the word 'Priest'. Janna Hammett seconded the motion and all said 'aye'.

Bunny Johnson presented the treasurer's report for the months of July and August. In July we spent more than budgeted, partially due to the payment of the diocesan assessment. In August our expenses were below budget. For the year we are healthy. Paul Wilborn moved that we accept the treasurer's report. Linda Joseph seconded and all said 'aye'.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee for funding the Northeast corner: no report

Fencing the eastern side of the playground: Robert Oliver has consulted with Mike Hail about cost of materials. Since Robert is out of town, Paul Wilborn said he will have numbers for the Vestry by the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

"Scared Silly" participation: In the Tuesday email, Rev. Susie will ask for volunteers to help staff the booth that St. Mary's would have on the Square Saturday evening of the Halloween weekend.

"Harvey" money: We have assembled 100 bags of toiletries that were distributed to evacuees in Killeen. The following week we put together about 12 sets of "clean out" supplies. They were taken to Sugarland. The diocese is requesting a daily report of what help churches have extended to the hurricane area. One possibility for our

church would be to donate HEB or Walmart gift cards. Rev. Susie will be our contact person for the diocese.

Priest's report: October 8 is St. Mary's Day. The Vestry usually supplies the meat for the potluck. We will ask Robert to get fried chicken. Stewardship letters and cards will be handed out that day. The cards are due back by All Saints Day, November 5, when we have the election of Vestry. The Pet Blessing is on October 8. This fall the Wednesday potluck will return to the first Wednesday of the month. We will dine from 6-7 and end with Compline. The Vestry will meet again Sunday, October 15.

At 12:38 p.m. Rev. Susie closed the meeting with a prayer for the future of the human race.