

## Vestry Minutes for May 20, 2018

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Reverend Susie opened the meeting with a prayer at 1212.

People Present: Bill Adams, Mike Watson, Mary Black Davis, Paul Wilborn, Linda Joseph, and Reverend Susie Comer.

People Absent: Bunny Johnson, Robert Oliver, Jan Sewall, David Harshaw, and Sue Faulkner.

Paul Wilborn made a motion for the Vestry to approve the minutes from April 15, 2018, after the group had done a review of the minutes. Linda Joseph seconded the motion and the Vestry approved the minutes.

Reverend Susie briefed the Treasurer's Report. Mary Black Davis expressed concern that we may not have enough strategic funds for a major emergency. After some members showed her what was available the Vestry generally agreed we have sufficient funds for an emergency given the fact we also have insurance for the buildings as well. This discussion led to another observation that the current Treasurer's report format is somewhat confusing. Some Vestry members would like to re-look the format for the Treasurer's report. Mike Watson stated the Finance Committee would look at the format and make a recommendation to the Vestry. Paul Wilborn made a motion to accept the report as is. Bill Adams seconded the motion and the Vestry approved the report.

#### Committee Reports

Mike Watson reported that the Finance committee is making good progress and plans to recommend revisions to Section E-Finance of the Parish Procedures by the end of summer. Mike stated that one of the recommendations is that we establish a Legacy Fund for perpetual, planned giving. The committee is looking at investment vehicle for this fund which earns a higher interest rate that we are earning with current funds, however, it has the potential for a higher risk as well.

#### Old Business

Nothing significant to report.

#### New Business

There is a request from the local Kiwanis Club to use the Parish hall for its monthly meetings. We currently charge \$65 per use of the hall. There was some discussion among the Vestry members that we should raise the rate. In the end we agreed that the rate was appropriate given the fact this action could be considered community outreach.

Reverend Susie stated we are planning a joint Children's Vacation Bible School with the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church in town 25-28 June. We will help with the Arts and Crafts portion of the curriculum.

### Junior Warden Report

Mary Black Davis stated that everything appeared to be going well. Reverend Susie asked that we trim the bushes behind the Parish Hall on the alley side that we share with the town's emergency services. Paul Wilborn volunteered to contact Pablo Mendez, the contracted church grounds keeper, to trim the bushes.

The Vestry then discussed scheduling a work day to clean up the Church grounds. The consensus of the group was to tentatively conduct this work day on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Reverend Susie will work with the Church office to make a list of projects.

### Senior Warden Report

Paul Wilborn had nothing new to report. Paul has found no one to stretch the carpet in the sanctuary. Linda Joseph stated she had a possible vendor. Paul, Mike Watson, and Weldon Maxey inspected and fixed the Church sprinkler system.

### Priest's Report

Reverend Susie will attend the Preaching Excellence Conference in Maryland 5-8 June. Bishop Harrison will visit the Parish on June 17<sup>th</sup>. We agreed to host Parish lunch with the Vestry providing fried chicken and members bringing their favorite food dish. We will also conduct the monthly Vestry meeting that day. Reverend Susie knew of no one who was currently in the hospital. Bill and Sharon Archie have re-located to Edmond, Oklahoma and moved into an assisted living residence.

Reverend Susie closed the meeting with a prayer at 1305.