

Vestry Minutes November 18, 2018
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Members Present: Mike Watson, Bill Adams, Robert Oliver, Paul Wilborn, Jan Sewall, Mary Black Davis, David Harshaw and Sue Faulkner.

Members Absent: Linda Joseph

The formal session was preceded by a discussion with Reverend William Fowler who the Diocese recommended as an interim priest. The Vestry met with Reverend Fowler to discuss his roles and responsibilities.

Paul opened the formal meeting at 1239.

Paul entertained a discussion about Reverend Bill Fowler's offer to us to become St. Mary's Priest in Charge for the foreseeable future rather than interim Rector. The Vestry was in general agreement and a motion was made, seconded, and the Vestry approved the motion for Paul to explore our options for this action with Canon Ryan. There was some discussion about Reverend Jeff Kraemer as a potential interim Rector, however, he is not licensed as a Priest in our Diocese and would have to go through the certification in order to serve in that capacity.

Paul then asked if anyone had questions on the minutes from the October meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. The Vestry unanimously concurred.

The Vestry then discussed the Treasurer's Report. Bunny Johnson had not been able to update the report with the current balances. The Vestry acknowledged receipt of the Report until Bunny could update the balances.

Bunny Johnson then proposed that we close the Memorial Fund. The bank would be willing to give us an interest bearing account for the operating fund if we closed the Memorial Fund. Currently six families have given more than \$200 in memory of a loved one with no designation. By our rules since the families have not designated the funds for a specific purpose in certain amount of time the Treasurer is supposed to move the funds into the Operating Reserve. A motion was made to 1.) Notify the six families that the Treasurer was moving their funds into the Operating Reserve, 2.) Close the Memorial Fund and move the remaining funds into the Operating Reserve, and 3.) Take the funds left from the purchase of the purple vestments and move them into the Operating Reserve. The motion was seconded and the Vestry approved the motion.

Several Vestry member then asked questions on the status of pledges for the next year. Bunny stated that so far we had 31 pledges for a total \$103,580. The Vestry was concerned that this number was significantly lower than last year. A motion was made to allow Mike Watson access to Quick Books in order to help the Treasurer transition Quick Books to the Cloud maintaining the utmost integrity and discretion on any disclosure of

names with pledge amounts. The Vestry approved the motion 5-3 with Robert Oliver, Sue Faulkner and Mary Black Davis casting the dissenting votes.

Bunny's final discussion point was giving the Vestry the status on the transition to the new website. It has gone fairly smoothly with some challenges on establishing who has authorization to do what on the website.

The Vestry then discussed the potential slate of new Vestry candidates. The current slate is Bettie Lindsey, Mimi Cole, and Mary Casbeer. Brian Williams, Andrew Joseph, and Judith Ann Magee declined the offer. We discussed conducting elections on the 16th of December.

The Junior Warden had nothing significant to report.

The Senior Warden had a question whether the Diocese Assessment had been paid. Bunny Johnson stated that she had paid it in full. As part of this discussion Bunny asked for help on completing the Parochial Report. Bill Adams agreed to assist her. Paul then stated that Alcohol Anonymous group now wants to meet Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday and conduct a service Sunday morning. A motion was made to allow the Friday meeting and not the Sunday service and raise the rent to \$240 a month. The Vestry unanimously approved the motion.

Finally Paul discussed that Chief Sammy Bailey, Lampasas Police Department, agreed to have a patrol car check Sunday services in town rather than have armed protection at each location for the services.

This was the last item discussed. Meeting adjourned at 1347. Next vestry meeting December 16, 2018.

Secretary of the Vestry, Bill Adams