

Vestry Minutes June 17, 2018
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Members Present: Bishop Dena Harrison, Reverend Susie Comer, Bunny Johnson (Treasurer), Mike Watson, Bill Adams, Paul Wilborn, Jan Sewell, May Black Davis, and Sue Faulkner.

Members Absent: Robert Oliver, Linda Joseph, and David Harshaw

Reverend Susie opened with Prayer at 1229 giving thanks for Bishop Harrison's mentorship and guidance to Parishioners and church laity of St. Mary's.

There was little discussion on the Minutes from May 20, 2018 meeting. Mike Watson made a motion to approve them, Paul Wilborn seconded the motion and the Vestry approved them.

Bunny Johnson presented the Treasurer's report. She stated there was a little less income this month because it was the Summer months. Bill Adams made a motion to accept the report; Paul Wilborn seconded the motion and the Vestry approved the report. Bunny also reported that Quick Books is much more stable with the improvements we have made. The new website should be available not later than August 28th. She stated it was a much better layout.

Committee Reports

Mike Watson stated the committee continues to make progress and will report at the July Vestry meeting. The committee is in the progress of codifying the five-year plan with one of the major projects being fortifying the Northeast corner of the sanctuary. The committee will recommend starting a Capital Campaign to fund the work starting next Summer.

Old Business

The work day that the Vestry schedule July 7th conflicts with the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Austin. The Vestry agreed to re-schedule the work day on 21 July.

New Business

There was request from a therapist to use our building once a week, but Jan Gibson said she would be happy to make arrangements for a space to work in her offices.

Junior Warden's Report

Nothing significant to report.

Senior Warden's Report

Paul will get with the Grounds Keeper to trim the bushes in the back of the Parish Hall. He will also meet Ron Isby to replace the mortar in the wall cracks and along the front, lower outside wall of the Sanctuary.

Priest's Report

Reverend Susie enjoyed the Preaching Conference she attended. She will be on vacation 18-24 June in Boston with her daughter. Randy Johnson is undergoing very strong chemotherapy at Brooke Army Medical Center. Robin Gradel will have her knee replaced later this month.

Bishop Harrison's comments

Bishop Harrison asked if there was enough money in the budget to pay for a full-time rector. The Vestry responded in the affirmative. "You have brought the congregation to a good point in its growth." She then challenged us that since the Church was in a better financial situation we needed to look at a mission within our community that fills a need and embrace it vivaciously. She stated that money follows mission, so outreach is the way ahead. She went on to say that the congregation must engage the community to understand its needs. She recommended that we read the book, "Holy Currencies" and contact the Episcopal Health Foundation. Overall, she was very happy with the progress we have made as a church community.

Bishop Harrison closed the meeting with a Prayer for St. Mary's at 1330.