

St. Mary's Vestry Meeting
September 19, 2012

The meeting was opened at 6:07 p.m. by Rev. Comer with prayer.

Present: Rev. Susie Comer, Sue Faulkner, Lola Cureton, Tulisha Carson, Robert Oliver, Tom Hart, Brian Williams, Jan Denson, Bill Adams, and Judy Heatherly

Absent: Victor Reed

Visitor: John Cole, Mimi Cole, Richard Hammett, Bonnie Garrett, Jane McMillan, JR McBryde, and Ann Gilmore

Reminder: Roberts Rules of Order should be used during the meeting.

Addition to Agenda:

- Discussion on carport and covering of windows - Robert Oliver

Judy Heatherly moved to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2012 meeting as presented. Robert Oliver seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – (Tulisha Carson)

- Tulisha Carson presented the treasurer's report. Discussion was held. Sue Faulkner moved the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Bill Adams seconded. Motion passed.
- Discussion was held on quarterly reports of capital campaign funds to parishioners. Requested the treasurer send an email to the parishioners asking them if they would like a quarterly report. Other options were suggested. Discussion was held. Judy Heatherly moved that Tulisha Carson give a report of capital campaign funds at next vestry meeting. After seeing the report a decision will be made on how to proceed concerning reports to parishioners. Brian Williams seconded. Motion passed.
- Housing resolution for Rev. Comer was presented by Bill Adams. Robert Oliver moved to accept the housing resolution. Judy Heatherly seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Eric Williams presented his Eagle Scout project for the church playground.
- Sexton – concern about abilities of person currently cleaning the church buildings. She does have some health issues. Suggested a compromise where she cleans one area and a second person be hired to clean the remaining areas twice a week. Discussion was held. Vestry is in consensus of having the current sexton clean the church and JR McBryde will talk with a person who may consider cleaning Hirst House and Parish Hall.
- Richard Hammett presented report on Diocesan Stewardship Conference. Committee suggests a kick off Annual Giving Campaign on St. Mary's Day, October 14th. Nov. 18th will be Ingathering Sunday. Parishioners will be asked to place their pledge card in a basket as they come to communion.

Jr. Warden's Report – Robert Oliver

- Swamp lines – Mike Hale recommend 3 foot wide trough at the price of \$570 which includes all aspects of job. Second option is to cap the two sprinkler heads that are creating part of the swamp effect on sidewalk area between church and Hirst House. Sidewalk is a low point between the two buildings where water pools when grass is watered and/or it rains. Suggested the project be put on hold because the state project to correct issues on 4th Street is supposed to include an offer to provide a French Drain to drain off water appropriately from church grounds.

- John VanWinkle suggested placing pea graveling next to church building as opposed to grass. He feels grass will cause deterioration of the limestone.
- Estimate to place $\frac{3}{4}$ quarter plywood to cover 9 windows on 4th Street will be \$1850. This is to protect from the windows from the future work on 4th Street. Suggest to place on hold until someone can find out what liability the state/city has if windows are broken during work.

Sr. Warden's Report – Bill Adams

- Tulisha Carson reported a parishioner would like to donate an ice machine for the kitchen. The parishioner would like to challenge others to donate to the project and they would match donations up to half the cost of the ice machine. Approximate cost for ice machine would be \$2000.00. Discussion was held. Brian Williams moved to accept the offer of the parishioner. Sue Faulkner seconded. Motion passed.

Rector's Report

- Bishop Harrison will visit St. Mary's on February 17, 2012 with a 4:00 pm service.
- Rev. Comer inquired on an installation. Only Rectors are installed.
- Rev. Comer explained that she is only $\frac{3}{4}$ time at St. Mary's and feels the tension of having to say no to events that exceed the cause her to exceed the $\frac{3}{4}$ time agreement. She is giving approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ time for pastoral care. Please continue to give her names of those who need pastoral care.
- Planning to have Instructed Eucharist in the near future.
- Jane McMillan is requesting to do a history of stained glass windows. She is requesting a space to work. The "treasurer's room" would be a suggested place to work. Will need access to financial files to access information on date of windows or when work was done. Judy Heatherly moved to allow Jane to proceed with the writing of the history of the stained windows of St. Mary's using the treasurer's room as a work space. Brian Williams seconded. Motion passed.
- "Bishop's Vesture" – traditional for churches to donate to the purchase of a newly elected suffragan bishops ring or other gift. Discussion Bill Adams moved St. Mary's donation of \$100. Judy Heatherly seconded. Motion passed. Bill Adams will post letter requesting donation and minutes of vestry minutes on bulletin board so parishioners know the decision of vestry.

New Business

- Rev. Comer requested to be placed on the Discretionary Account bank signature card. Judy Heatherly moved to have Rev. Comer's name placed on the Discretionary Account bank signature card. Lola Cureton seconded. Motion passed.

Other Discussion items

- Carport- concern has been voiced it will blow over in a bad wind. JR McBryde gave history of carport and explained it is structurally sound. Judy Heatherly suggested the topic be tabled at this time.

Meeting was closed in prayer.

Adjourned 8:00 PM

Respectfully,

Tami Martin
Vestry Clerk

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