

St. Mary's Vestry Meeting  
November 14, 2012

The meeting was opened at 6:03 p.m. by Rev. Susie with prayer.

Present: Rev. Susie Comer, Tulisha Carson, Robert Oliver, Brian Williams, Tom Hart, Bill Adams, Victor Reed, Sue Faulkner, and Lola Cureton

Absent: Jan Denson, Judy Hetherly

Visitor: John Cole

Addition to Agenda:

- None

Robert Oliver moved to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2012 meeting. Victor Reed seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report – (Tulisha Carson)**

- Tulisha Carson presented the treasurer's report. Discussion was held on notifying parishioners of the current status of their 2012 pledges. Rev. Susie suggested she send an email letting parishioners know the status of their pledges at this point of the year and what the difference is. An offer for each parishioner to contact the treasurer for specific information on their pledge will be included in email. Sue Faulkner moved the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Jan Denson seconded. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

- Sexton – Jan Denson presented a bid from a person for cleaning of the Hirst House and fellowship hall. Written bid of \$65.00 per week. Additional cleaning will be at \$40 per event if the event is held after the weekly cleaning. Sue Faulkner was not able to contact the person she was investigation for bid. Discussion was held on providing anyone hired a list of expectations. Sue Faulkner and Jan Denson will work together to create the list of expectations. Bill Adams moved the vestry open negotiations to provide services at a rate of \$65.00 per week. Victor Reed seconded. Motion passed.
- Rental prices for use of Parish Hall and Sanctuary – Sue Faulkner gave a report on polices from other churches. Discussion was held. St. Mary's has a current policy that needs to be updated and rates re-evaluated. For non-parishioners \$300 for church/\$300 for parish hall/\$300 for priest to include premarital counseling for a four hour period. Jan Denson recommended the discussion be tabled for further discussion at the December meeting.
- St. Mary's Day – all went well
- Report on Eric Williams Eagle Scout project. Possible that most of the project will be completed by Nov. 17, 2012

**New Business**

- The Dioceses has requested report on how the church has spent local missions.

**Sr. Warden's Report – Bill Adams**

- Thank you Letter from new Suffragan Bishop of Texas. St. Mary's donation helped to pay for his gold ring and cross.
- The vestry will need a new vestry clerk in January 2013. This person could be either a non vestry or vestry member. Please pray about it and bring suggestions forward at the next vestry meeting.

- Suggestion was made to bring food donations for each Sunday during advent for Lampasas Mission. Vestry agreed.
- Annual clean up for church and grounds. Four hours in the morning. Suggested to coordinate the decoration of the church for Christmas with the clean up. Date set for December 8, at 8:00 AM.

#### **Jr. Warden's Report – Robert Oliver**

- Robert Oliver called about the broken window in parish hall. Has not been repaired yet so will call again.
- Sprinkler system - tried to reset but no luck.
- JR McBryde suggested adjuster get in to look at the church roof because of possible damaged by hail storm.
- Choir stall – wood post is separating. Mike Hale will loosen it from wall which should allow the adjustments to stop the separation.
- Libby and Warren Bluntzer have voiced concern about the front door of the church. The Bluntzer's will pay halve the cost if the building fund will pay the other half. Cost to the building fund will be \$450. . Brian Williams to accept the Bluntzer's offer with the building funding pay the second half. Victor Reed seconded. Motion passed.
- List for Millers for light repairs in church and parish hall. Bill Adams suggested a check for smoke detector
- The Extension agency stated the grass dying out in circles is Chinch bug. Can spray for it next spring.
- Robert Oliver has asked yardman to bring an invoice.
- If anyone knows of a window cleaner business that cleans tempered glass please give information to Robert Oliver.

#### **Priest in Charge's Report**

- Advent Dec. 9 – Choir from St Matthews will perform at St. Mary's.
- Annual meeting will be January 13, 2013.
- Jan 19-20, 2013 - Carol Blane will do retreat with whole church.
- If you are interested or know of someone who is interested in attending Diocesan Counsel Feb 8 -9, 2013 in Houston please let Rev. Susie know.
- One vestry Member has decided to resign for personal reasons as of January 2013. Bill Adams, Lola Cureton and Victor Reed will also be ending their term. Talk to those who might consider running and give names or ask them to talk with Rev. Susie.
- Cookie Exchange one church service Advent 3 after lessons and carols.

#### **Other Discussion items**

- Next vestry meeting December 19, 2012.

Meeting was closed in prayer.

Adjourned 7:40 PM

Respectfully,

Tami Martin  
Vestry Clerk