

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING
MINUTES
April 27, 2023

Present: Senior Warden-Marlo Pratt, Treasurer-David Brierley, John Corbishley, Lee Ferreira, Cory Thurston Lallo, Alex Simmons, Richard Updegrove, Rita Verespy, Anne Wood, and the Rev. Jennifer Pedrick.

Absent: Mattie Gustafson, George LeBlanc, and Lauren Lema.

Jennifer opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. commenting that our summer worship theme would be "Rest and Play." Her remarks were followed by a reading from Mathew 11:25 -30 "The Father Revealed in the Son".

Reconnecting with Each Other in the presence of God – Jennifer

Jennifer asked Vestry members to consider how we practice "Rest and Play". The discussion was followed by Jennifer reciting a poem by Toki Miyashima, based on Psalm 23 titled "The Lord is my Pacesetter". This reading led to further discussion about weariness, burden, balance and how we practice rest and play.

Updates from the Rector:

- Sea Rose - Negotiations for lease renewal ongoing.
- Island Day Care - requires more parking and has inquired about renting parking spaces. Jennifer brought forward a motion to lease 20 parking spaces to Island Day Care. Richard U. seconded the motion with the caveat that the lease should ensure that Island Day Care is responsible for all necessary repairs and maintenance. The motion passed.
- Staff - Will be on retreat June 21st to focus on building their working relationship.
- Choir – Brooke Huminski has taken on a leadership role in the Choir.

Rest and Play Spiritual Practice (summer fun) – Marlo

- Vestry members Cory Thurston Lallo, Alex Simmons, David DeFalco, and others whose commitment is pending, are forming a group to develop our summer activities. All members and friends are welcome, and these activities will be advertised and open to the public. The following have already been scheduled:
 - ✓ June 4th - Potluck Dinner
 - ✓ June 23rd – Strawberry Sundaes Sundays
 - ✓ July 19th – Outdoor concert performed by Steel Appeal – Rock to Bach
 - ✓ August 23rd – Outdoor concert performed by "Bar Fly"– 60/70's music.

Invite, Welcome and Connect update – Lee.

- Sunday School – all volunteer teachers have completed Safe Church Training and background checks, they are Jason DeFalco, Paul Westrom, Jenny Williams, and Terry Viera. Invitations have been sent to 12 families with children and four families with eight children are participating.
- Updating the Church directory is in progress, goal is to have a new on-line directory with pictures of all members by September 1st.
- St. Mary's Campus Update – Maps are being made and will be available June 1st. These maps will be available to all and attached to the first sign on the property. A large map suitable for hanging will also be available.
- IWC is considering having a Labyrinth Day to highlight our grounds, explain the history and how to walk the Labyrinth.
- On Easter Sunday 10 Welcome Cards were returned representing 25 people. After conversations with these visitors, they came because of our flag, signs, website and google searches.

First Quarter Financial – David

- David reviewed the quarterly financials, and it was noted that utility costs have gone up. Richard asked how many donations are automatic either through online giving (Vanco) or through bank check. Rita will provide that update at our next meeting.

Consent Agenda

- Richard made a motion, seconded by John, that we pass the Consent Agenda, consisting of the Vestry Minutes and Treasurer's Report for March 2023. The motion passed.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with all saying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita A. Verespy