

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING
MINUTES
November 16, 2023

Present: Senior Warden-Marlo Pratt, Clerk-Mattie Gustafson, Lauren Lema, Cory Thurston, Lee Ferreira, John Corbishley, Rita Verespy and the Revs. Meaghan Brower and Jennifer Pedrick. Anne Wood and Richard Updegrove attended via Zoom.

Absent: Junior Warden-George LeBlanc, Treasurer-David Brierley, and Alex Simmons

Jennifer began the meeting at 6:02 p.m. with a prayer.

Reconnecting with Each Other in the Presence of God

Jennifer offered a Bible Study based on the Ignation Bible study method – which asks folks to approach a particular bible passage from different and more creative perspectives.

Rector's Time – Jennifer

Update on music at St. Mary's

- The vestry has discussed the future of the music ministry at St. Mary's
- The Choir met at the Rectory over dinner and discussed their views on St. Mary's music ministry
- A Coffee and Conversation will be held to involve the church community in this discussion.
- The choir and the church family will have two weeks to experience Peter B. leading the choir at the morning worship service.

Rectory renovation project

A former member has donated money to renovate the kitchen at the Rectory. Richard U. moved that this gift be accepted according to the terms of the donor's letter dated October 2, 2023. John C. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ministry Planning

At the latest Worship Team's meeting it was decided that, with the exception of a few special Sundays, there would be no outdoor worship in 2024. Also discussed was the time for the Sunday morning service.

Associate Rector's Time – Meaghan

Meaghan related a personal issue.

Stewardship - Rita

Rita gave a detailed report of the status of our stewardship campaign thus far. The Stewardship Committee were commended for trying some new approaches this year. It was noted that stewardship should be a year-round effort. Also, Jennifer mentioned that our next step should be to begin to discuss the theology of money and giving.

Update on Gibbs House – John C.

The process is ongoing. There had been a steady trickle of interest. Hopefully, one of these “trickles” will blossom into a full-fledged interest.

IWC Update – Lee

Lee mentioned the Communication Worship Murry attended recently.

Consent Agenda

Rita V. made a motion, seconded by Richard U., that we pass the Consent Agenda, consisting of the Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Junior Warden's Report for October 2023. The motion passed.

The next Vestry meeting, on December 14th, will include a pot-luck dinner, which Lee F. offered to coordinate.

Meaghan is offering a Family Dinner and Advent Wreath Making on Saturday December 2nd after the 5 p.m. service.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie E. Gustafson
Clerk