

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING
MINUTES
October 24, 2024

Present: Senior Warden-Richard Updegrave, Junior Warden-John Corbishley, Treasurer-David Brierley, Clerk-Mattie Gustafson, Lauren Lema, Jason DeFalco, Jerry Culver, Cory Thurston, Sarah Barker, Alex Simmons, and Associate Rector Meaghan Brower

Absent: Rita Verespy, David Burke, and Anne Wood

Meaghan opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. by reminding us All Saints' Day was coming up, and asking "Who in your life – who is not with us anymore – has shown you a glimpse of God?" The vestry shared responses.

Associate Rector's Report – Meaghan

- Things are going well. Brian and Stephanie are very supportive. She is looking forward to Brian's *Walk in Love* series of workshops, which begin the first Sunday in November.
- Property Day has been postponed – probably till the spring.

Christian Formation Report – Jason

We have had our second Family Dinner, and once again, it was very successful, hosting approximately 60 folks with many children, as well. The online video stories have also been very successful. Meetings of this group continue.

Junior Warden – John C.

- Outdoor maintenance is going well.
- We are basically one month behind with the rectory renovation. The town inspection was completed today, reviewing electrical and plumbing work. We passed.

Senior Warden – Rick U.

Budget Task Force

Meetings are continuing, with an initial focus on personnel – salaries, benefits, etc. The preliminary budget for 2025 will be presented to the vestry at the November meeting. A final vote is planned for December. Final approval by the parish is done at the Annual Meeting in February (2025).

Nominating Committee

Marlo has reported that things are going along well. We are only looking for three vestry candidates, each for a 3-year term. She may have some names for us in November.

Vestry Coffee Hour in December

Meaghan will put together a Sign-Up Genius for vestry members to sign up to bring something for the Coffee Hour we are hosting on December 1st. Sara will take care of the coffee.

Treasurer – David Brierley

David has been working on the 2025 budget for presentation in November. He also went over his monthly report.

Consent Agenda

David Brierley made a motion, seconded by John Corbishley, that we pass the Consent Agenda, consisting of the Stewardship Report, Minutes for both meetings in September (the regularly scheduled one, and the special meeting held on September 8th), and the Treasurer's Report for September 2024. The motion passed.

Miscellaneous

Jerry asked how the special meeting, about the rectory renovation held at the beginning of September, went. The consensus was that we were glad it was held, as it was good to see the support that was present for the project, and to let the parish members know what was happening. Jason offered "kudos" to the presenters, who did a really good job of communicating the information to everyone.

We have not done any special fundraising or the project, but we only have approximately \$20,000 left to raise.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie E. Gustafson
Clerk