

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting on March 17, 2019
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Lampasas TX

Members Present: Bill Fowler, Bill Adams, Paul Wilborn, Bunny Johnson, David Harshaw, Mary Black Davis, Mary Casbeer, Betty Lindsey-Maxey, Jan Sewall, Mary Raring-Hart and Mike Watson.

Members Absent: none!

Rev. Fowler opened the meeting at 11:15 with prayer.

Paul Wilborn moved approval of the Feb 17, 2019 vestry meeting minutes. Bill Adams seconded and the vestry unanimously approved.

Paul Wilborn moved approval of the Draft January 2019 parish meeting minutes. Bill Adams seconded and the vestry unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Bunny distributed copies of the monthly operating income/expense report. This is in a new format that is output from QuickBooks without need for manual editing. It shows income and expense vs. each budget line for each month and year to date. Bunny and Gregg Westerfield made considerable effort to set up Quickbooks to make this possible. Mary Raring-Hart moved approval of the February report. Paul Wilborn seconded and the vestry unanimously approved.

Bunny commented that going forward the Diocese will pay the expense of required background checks for the parish. These costs have previously been entered as Christian education expense.

Priest's Report

Rev. Bill is planning to hold a vestry retreat on a Saturday after Easter. Suggestions for a good venue are welcome.

Rev. Bill recommends that we support Bishop Doyle's request for support of Seminary of the South in Austin. The request is for 1% of revenue, or \$1500 for St. Mary's. It can be funded from our Outreach budget, offset by \$300 gifts made in memory of Joe Behlau and by additional fundraising by Rev. Bill. Mary Black Davis moved approval of Rev. Bill's proposal. Paul Wilborn seconded and the vestry unanimously approved.

We discussed whether to hold an Easter Egg hunt as on previous Easter Sundays. Vestry members felt it is appreciated by families and boosts Easter attendance. Rev. Bill will organize with ECW.

Rev. Bill plans to bless the new steps to the sanctuary when completed, perhaps on Palm Sunday.

Old Business

none

New Business

Mike Watson asked how we will maintain the website. Molly Johnson and Bunny make routine updates. Mary Raring-Hart volunteered to be the vestry point of contact for suggestions and content on our website.

Bunny explained that the prior system of individual user IDs for parishioners was lost in the website platform upgrade last fall. However we can still password protect content and give the single password to all parishioners. The vestry agreed that protecting content is not necessary, and asks

Bunny and Molly to post monthly financial reports with vestry minutes on the website, and also on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Molly can include a link to the most recently approved minutes in each weekly email.

Mary Raring-Hart asked if she could donate magnetic name tags saying, "Vestry Member" for us to wear during church functions, to help people know the vestry. Mike Watson said a prior parish had used this type of name tag for all members. The tags were stored on a magnetic board at the parish hall entrance. Rev. Bill will consider and recommend to the vestry what we might do.

Junior Warden's Report

Paul Wilborn reported that Hayward-Baker completed the sanctuary NE corner foundation repair work including installation of 6 piers to bedrock. General contractor Mike Hail poured a concrete cap around and over the new piers. Hail will restore the earthwork around the foundation and will construct new back steps. The new steps will have a larger landing and smaller rise than the old ones, and two handrails.

This repair work has exposed the original cornerstone of the building, which will remain open and available when construction is complete. Father Bill asks that parishioners not enter the construction area until then.

Paul Wilborn met with Ron Ischy about repairing the mortar of the sanctuary stonework. Mr. Ischy recommends we review the spray pattern of the sprinkler system and ensure that it does not wet any of the exterior walls of our structures. Paul will ask if sealing the stonework after repair would help maintain it.

Equipment and materials for the sanctuary work have been stored on our lot south of Hirst house. Paul will restore the ground level there by the end of May. He discovered a leak in the well house piping and will have it repaired.

Paul thanked Greg Westerfield and Wade Wooten for their help in daily supervision of the sanctuary repair.

Senior Warden's Report

Bill Adams spoke with Libby Bluntzer, who is willing to serve as Columbarium Volunteer. Betty Lindsey-Maxey offered to serve as Stewardship Volunteer. Mike Watson moved that we appoint Libby and Betty to these vestry officer positions. Bill Adams seconded and the vestry unanimously approved.

Bill pointed out that our regular third Sunday meeting time would fall on Easter weekend next month and recommended that our next meeting be on Sunday, April 14. The vestry agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 with the Lord's prayer said in unison. Next scheduled vestry meeting is April 14th at 11:15AM in Hirst House.

The vestry approved these minutes at the April 13, 2019 meeting.
Respectfully submitted by Mike Watson, Clerk of the Vestry