

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**  
**Lampasas, TX**  
**Jan. 20, 2022 Yearly Member Meeting**

**I. Call to order**

Rev. Fowler called the meeting to begin at 11:00 am

**II. Approval of New Vestry Members**

Rev. Fowler advised the following people have been nominated for the 2022 Vestry:  
Judith Ann McGhee, Joe Wooten, Bill Adams. All three were unanimously approved.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

- a) Wardens and Officers presented the Annual Report.
- b) Mike Watson presented the 2022 budget. He reported that the church has received a little over \$ 5,000.00 more than what was anticipated for 2021. He is expecting the same for 2022.

**IV. 2021 Sr. Warden Report (Paul Wilborn)**

- a) Paul reported that the Vestry approved the purchase of the vacant property across the street from the church. The church is paying \$ 75,000.00, plus closing costs. There is a signed contract that includes an amendment for the closing date of 3-31-22. The church is currently waiting on the environmental inspection and is expected to receive title insurance. A few questions were brought up by members regarding the property:
  - Judith Ann McGhee asked what the property is being used for. The members were advised that no specific plans have been established. Right now, it will be held for possible future expansion (i.e.: parking lot, school, etc.). Vestry member, Tom Willis, is working on getting bids for demolition / removal of the vacant house that is currently sitting on the property.
  - Rev. Fowler advised he is working on a grant proposal to cover future plans. Paul advised the church currently has about \$ 70,000.00 in commitments and is trying to not tap into church contributions.
  - Judith Ann asked if the Diocese contributed to the funding of the property. Rev. Fowler advised that St. Mary's is solely purchasing the property and the church will only need the Diocese approval to buy or sell. The Diocese did not contribute any funds.
  - Libby Bluntzer asked if there are any tax implications. She was advised this will be tax exempt.

- Libby also asked if the property can be sold at a later date, if need be. She was advised that yes, it can be sold.

## **V. Jr. Warden Report (Paul Wendele)**

- a) Paul advised the following improvements were made in 2021:
  - bat removal
  - the wood on the outside of the church was repainted and the window were sealed
  - chimney cap was secured
  - all 4 coils were replaced in the A/C unit in the Sanctuary
  - the crack on the east wall was repaired but is now cracking again – might have to remove plaster and do a larger repair if the crack gets any bigger
  - other minor misc. replacements/fixes
- b) Paul advised the following improvements will need to be discussed for 2022:
  - sprinkler system repair
  - repair the leak in the bell tower roof
  - stump removal (by St. Mary's sign)
- c) Libby Bluntzer asked if there is a plan for the front doors? Paul advised the church is getting an estimated to refinish/paint without taking the doors off
- d) Janie Watson proposed a group be organized to maintain the flower beds. The church members and Rev. Fowler all agree this is a good idea.

## **VI. Priest's Report (Rev. Fowler)**

- a) Since having internet installed at the church, membership has improved because people can watch the service from their home
- b) Rev. Fowler is hoping, with the continuing progress of Covid, to resume fellowship and create community.
- c) Rev. Fowler asked Bill Adams to be the new Sr. Warden for 2022 – Bill agreed and the church members unanimously approved.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Rev. Fowler closed the meeting at 11:35 am