

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**  
**Lampasas, TX**  
**August 27, 2023 Vestry Meeting**

**I. Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 am with an opening prayer.

**II. Attending:**

Rev. Fowler, Bill Adams, Judith Ann McGhee, Tom Willis, Garth Davis, Bruce Timmons, Paul Wendele, Cindy Harris, Jane McMillin, and Katherine Joseph (clerk)

**III. Absent:**

Joe Wooten, Mike Watson (treasurer)

**IV. Approval of June '23 Minutes:**

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Judith Ann motioned for approval, and Cindy was 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**V. Treasurer's Report (Mike Watson):**

Operating Actuals vs. Budget:

Total Income 96% of YTD budget.

400700 Unrestricted Donations is main cause, \$5K behind budget YTD.

400800 Pledge Donations recovered with quarterly pledge payments received in June.

Other Contributions \$1K favorable YTD from hospitality contributions at parish breakfast ahead of budget.

520400 Sunday Hospitality below YTD budget from starting later than budgeted.

530100 \$1,000 donation to Lampasas Mission in June. Budget reflects intent to spend throughout the year.

540000 Cleaning, Maintenance & Repairs no grounds maintenance invoices YTD, accrued 2Q estimate in July.

Net Operating Income above budget due to delays in invoicing and planned expenses, even with low revenue.

Restricted Funds Income/Expense:

Bank interest income, no expenses.

Balance Sheet:

Bank Accounts \$99K includes \$43K at 100104 OCA-Operating Cash Reserve Target.

Schwab account created in June, plan to fund & invest in August.

Diocesan Participating Fund (DPF) \$82.1K balance below St. Mary's investment \$114 in March 2021 - withdrawal \$30K = \$84K.

Statement of Cash Flow:

Nothing of note.

Judith Ann motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Garth was 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**VI. Old Business:**

Concerning outreach donations, Tom recommended donating \$ 1000.00 to the pregnancy center in Lampasas and Bill A. recommended donating \$ 1000.00 to the Salvation Army. Garth motioned to approve both donations and Cindy was 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved. Katherine will send Bill and Mike the full name of the pregnancy center.

For future donations, Bruce recommended covering some of the overdraft of kid's lunches at one of the schools. This will be discussed more later.

**VII. New Business:**

The need of parishioner involvement at the church was discussed...particularly for readers. Cindy offered to read, as needed, at the 8:00 service and Judith Ann offered to read for either service. Garth suggested putting "volunteers needed" in the bulleting or he can speak at one of the services to see if we can get some more involvement.

Ross Oliver, with the Lampasas Chamber, will come to the September meeting to discuss the upcoming April '24 eclipse. Garth suggested asking the city if they want to use St. Mary's vacant lots during the festivities.

**VIII. Priest's Report (Rev. Fowler):**

Rev. Fowler let the vestry know he will be out of town Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> for a meeting in New York.

**IX. Sr. Warden Report (Bill Adams):**

Bill would like to schedule a meeting with the lay readers in October.

**X. Jr. Warden Report (Garth Davis):**

Garth reported that Ethernet cables were installed, which will save the church about \$ 50/month. A new microphone was installed at the podium and other misc. things have been done around the church.

**XI. Miscellaneous:**

Abby, who has been cooking breakfast between services, will be leaving mid-September so she can focus on her upcoming due date. Judith Ann has a few options she is researching for potential new cooks.

**XII. Adjournment:**

1. Closed with Prayer @ 12:15 pm.
2. The next meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am