

St. Mary's Vestry Meeting

February 11, 2015

Present: Rev. Susie Comer, Bunny Johnson, Janna Hammett, C.M. Crawford, Wade Wooten, Bill Adams, Gregg Westerfield, Ann Gilmore, Carol Brown (clerk)

Absent: Abel Turner

Rev. Susie called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. She opened the meeting with a prayer for the unity of the church. Since this is the first meeting of the new Vestry, each person told a bit about themselves, what brought them to St. Mary's and what they appreciate about St. Mary's.

Gregg Westerfield moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2015 meeting. C.M. Crawford seconded the motion and all said 'aye'.

Treasurer's report: Bunny Johnson said that we are about \$1000 over our target for Pledges and Contributions. She has contacted the National Bank about the signatories on our CD. Currently those names are Tulisha Carson, Reid Morgan and Terry Sherman. The CD rolled over today, February 11, 2015, and it will do so again in 6 months.

Bunny Johnson moves that we remove the names of Tulisha Carson, Reid Morgan and Terry Sherman as signatories on CD #2000053965 at National Bank and that William Adams, Lois Gunn-Johnson and Janna Leigh Hammett be listed as the new signatories. C.M. Crawford seconded the motion and all said 'aye'.

Bunny went over the Balance Sheet to explain for the new Vestry members what each entry means.

OLD BUSINESS

Limestone Wall around sanctuary air conditioners (tabled until February, 2015): C.M.Crawford moved that we table this matter indefinitely. Bill Adams seconded the motion. Rev. Susie gave a brief history of this matter. In the next few years excavation will have to be done around the northeast corner of the sanctuary to shore it up. A wall as discussed might be in the way of that work. The parishioner who has wanted this project agrees that it should be postponed until the work on the northeast corner is done. The Vestry voted unanimously to table the matter of the limestone wall indefinitely.

Proposed St. Mary's budget for 2015: Bill Adams gave a brief summary of the plans for this year. It is a zero based budget. Everything is funded but the lawn care. That is underfunded about \$3000. We will continue to use the whiteboard to list needed supplies.

Mission statement sign: Rev. Susie has not heard back from Damien Cisco about the sign. She will check with him.

AA rent: Rev. Susie has again heard that the organization is having trouble collecting for the weekly rent. She has been told that it is a management issue. She must find out more before any decision can be made.

NEW BUSINESS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and pancake race: Bill Adams has purchased bacon and pancake mix. ECW members have volunteered to cook the bacon and bring it Tuesday evening. Bill took a count of Vestry members who would be here to help.

Resolution and forms needed to change Treasurer on Documents/New Signatories needed for CD at National Bank: We have taken care of the signatories for the CD at National Bank. At First Texas Bank the signatories are Ann Gilmore, Bunny Johnson, Gregg Westerfield and Bill Adams. No change is needed. Bunny usually writes the checks, so she does not sign them.

City of Lampasas Meeting on alley near 5th and S. Chestnut: We have received a certified letter from the City of Lampasas notifying us of a meeting about closing a portion of the alley that runs from Key Avenue to Chestnut, south of 5th. We were invited because we have property within 200' of that alley. It does not impinge on our property. The meeting will be held Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers. Any interested people may attend.

Part-Time Communications/website management position: Rev. Susie has been working on a plan to use part of the \$20,000 donation made to target young people and families. She told the donors that one good use would be the upgrading and management of our website and they were agreeable to that use. Jane Westerfield would like to continue taking care of the written portion of the information. We would need to have someone who could put photos on the website, move them around, change seasonal themes. Rev. Susie has been working on a job description. If we hired someone for 6 hours a week at \$10/hour that would come to \$3120 for 52 weeks. The job would be to manage the website, do the monthly newsletter, manage Facebook and post some of our photos there. Someone is needed to ramp up the website. Then someone is needed to maintain it. Young adults are internet savvy. That is how they connect. If the church's website is not functional, they will assume that the church is not up-to-date. Rev. Susie will work further

on the job description and prepare an interview process. Bunny Johnson will talk to her son who does website work and get his feedback about our site.

Junior Warden's report: Gregg Westerfield had keys for the new Vestry members. At the annual meeting it was pointed out that we had deadwood in our trees that might threaten our windows. Gregg called H&H Tree Service to trim all the trees of deadwood, cut back limbs that rub our roofs and trim low-hanging branches on the live oak on 4th Street. The trimmers said the remaining deadwood does not present a problem at this time. The work cost \$500. We have a previous bid of \$4800 for repairs to Hirst House and the Parish Hall. Chino's Paint and Remodeling gave us a bid of \$1600. Gregg hired that company and gave a deposit of 50% of the bid. Mr. Vallejo has ordered the materials that may take up to two weeks to arrive. Meanwhile he will begin work as his schedule allows.

Senior Warden's report: Bill Adams has sent the new Vestry members an email of the duties of the Vestry Person of the Day. If any are uncomfortable with the details, he suggests they go around with Bunny Johnson who has the job this Sunday and see how it is done. Our power bill last month was double, and Bill wants to be sure there is no problem with the meter. Gregg Westerfield said if we call the Utility Department they will reread the meter. Gregg will do that and check to see if we need to redesignate the person on that account.

Priest's report: Rev. Susie is planning a Confirmation Class that will run four Sundays in March. She thanks all who helped with Dixie Sewall's funeral. We had 80 people there and many stayed for the reception. The baptism of Olivia Joan Hart went very well. Rev. Susie shared an idea she has for bringing in young families. Once a month we would have a Big Church Sunday. We would have child care available, someone to teach a Godly Play class, either brunch or a potluck and offer arts and crafts for older kids. People with children will come if they know there is child care, a Sunday School lesson and food. She would like a sounding board of two people, a planning person and an idea person, who would set ideas in motion now that we have money for that purpose.

Rev. Susie has a goal of starting our Stewardship Campaign by St. Mary's Day. We would hand out the pledge cards then and be done by Thanksgiving. Bill Adams and Bunny Johnson are automatically the core of the Stewardship Committee because they have already developed a budget and are knowledgeable about our funds. We will start having Lenten Suppers beginning February 25, the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday, and continuing through four Wednesdays in March. Rev. Susie has arbitrarily assigned them to different groups in the church. The Choir will provide the soup supper on the 25th and the Vestry will provide it March 4. ECW1 and ECW2 and the Backpew Boys will finish out the month.

Rev. Susie closed the meeting with a prayer for the Parish at 7:55 p.m.