



St Margaret's Episcopal Church Vestry

Subject: Minutes 16 April 2019 DRAFT 2

Attending: Peter Mayer (Rector), Patti Sachs (Assistant Rector), Paul O'Donnell (Senior Warden), Steve Brennan (Junior Warden), Charlie Lang (Treasurer), Jim Barnett (Clerk), Elizabeth Radley (Director of Operations), Cory Greene, Luke Morgan, Stacia Bontempo, Maggy Cullman, Sarah Westcott, , Rex Pingle, Barbara Friedman, Al Todd, Phil Graham, Brian Williams

Absent: Gwen Davis

1. Opening prayer was given at 7pm by the Rector.
2. The minutes from the March meeting were approved as amended. The presence of a quorum was noted.
3. The vestry was advised that with the migration of the current Clerk, Kathy Polk (Clerk retired) will be doing the function until the fall migration back to the East Coast of the current Clerk.

4. Submitted Reports

A. Rector's Report – Peter Mayer+ (report attached)

Winter Relief went very well. Other local churches did support our efforts with food donations. Next year's Winter Relief is scheduled for February 10-17, 2020.

The Realm ACS platform is about to go active for SMC. This will better integrate various functions and improve efficiency. The Director of Operations has a conference call later this month and we should be up and running after that. "We are excited."

B. Treasurers Report – Charlie Lang (report attached)

BB&T is working to better integrate our various accounts to increase our efficient interaction with them.

We remain about \$120,000 short in principal due for the Formation Building construction loan.

The P&L continues to show a negative balance. It was slightly improved for March but that is a 5 Sunday month.

The Church maintains a single credit card under the current Treasurer's name. It is closely controlled and is reconciled every month. It remains in the Church safe and is checked out for usage as necessary.

C. Parochial Report – Elizabeth Radley (attached)

The annual Parochial Report was presented for approval by the Vestry prior to signing by the Rector, Treasurer, and Clerk. The Average Sunday Attendance was reflected as 306 but we often see more and sometimes less. For a 2-clergy church, this is about right. The generational transition is introducing a new online dynamic that reflects around 200 access per week. These are not included in the ASA by SMC. Nor is the SMDS, Monday night Faith and Fellowship or various other gatherings under SMC auspices.

D. Grants Committee Report – Izzy Winn and Casey Pingle (soft copy not provided)

Copies of this year's Grants Committee submission were provided to the Vestry for review and approval.

There were 20 Grant applications this year totaling \$364,036 in requests, down from 30 last year, but the number of requests varies from year to year. Izzy Winn (Grants Administrator) assigned parishioner liaisons for 14 finalists and all 14 were interviewed by the committee. 12 were selected by the committee for funding and forwarded for approval by the vestry, using the \$91,000 allocated from the Endowment by the Missions Commission.

The request includes fully funding four Grant requests and providing significant funding for an additional eight requests. This year, four of the recipients are international, one is in Arizona, five are regional (Baltimore, DC and VA) and two are in Annapolis.

It was suggested by Peter that some of the local Grant awardees could be asked to come and talk to our congregation about their missions helping to provide our congregation with a fuller understanding of the work that is being supported by the Grants Program. It was also suggested that a visual representation, possibly a map, of all the Grants awarded (over the 23 years) could be displayed to further inform the congregation of the scope of mission of the Grants program. The Grants administrator will pursue with award recipients.

Motion: That \$91,000 be approved for award of Grants as outlined in the 2018-2019 Grants Committee Report to the Vestry. So moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Rector wanted to thank Casey Pingle for her work in leading the Committee this year. This is a big effort with some very difficult discernment work to make these awards on behalf of our Church.

The Rector also wanted to thank Izzy Winn for her efforts across the years to make this process fair, equitable and sustainable. The future of this Committee is tied to the work Izzy has done and it will certainly mark part of her legacy.

E. SMC Worship Commission Report – Marguerite Cullman (report attached as Vestry 2)

The Budget Liaison will be working with the Music Director on greater detail for the request. It's a great start for what we would like to have in Music.

Maggy also praised the work of the other groups that make SMC services work for our parishioners. They lead by serving and enhance through organizing.

F. Junior Warden's report – Steve Brennan (attached)

The dumpster skip is in place and B&G will begin campus wide clean up 17 April with an emphasis on the "forest" behind the playground.

Work continues to bring the rental house to rentability and further action as necessary.

The Rector wanted to pass on to Jim Bowersox and the B&G Committee that a parishioner had noted to him how great the campus looked this spring.

G. Senior Warden's report – Paul O'Donnell (attached)

There is a need to focus on paying off the remainder of the construction loan. What do we need to do to retire this debt to ensure it does not roll into a mortgage? There was significant discussion in this regard with emphasis on generating funding from delinquent pledgers or perhaps seeking contributions from newer parishioners who were not with the church for the initial Capital Campaign. We had "Heroes" at the beginning, now we are looking for "Heroes" at the end.

It was recommended that a letter be signed out to those pledgers who are in arrears and then another to the congregants in general seeking support to retire this loan. Letters will be considered and generated after Easter.

The Senior Warden then engaged the Vestry in a discussion of "what's next for SMC?" The Master Plan remains relevant and, in fact, several of the items in that Plan have been executed or await other actions to proceed.

Rex Pingle is doing the budget work necessary to define potential projects against possible funding sources. This will include capital projects.

It was suggested that perhaps a small group could review the Master Plan and other improvements for consideration.

5. For the Good of the Order

May 6th Faith and Fellowship will focus on a video regarding the “Plastic Ocean” and the challenges this presents to the environment.

May 5th Forum will focus on SMC recycling efforts and stand ready to answer any and all questions in this regard.

April 28th the Reverend Luis Leon will be the guest of Peter+ to preach at both the 0900 and 1115 Services. The Reverend Leon is retired and previous Rector of St John’s (the Church of the Presidents) on Lafayette Square in Washington D.C. and Peter’s mentor.

Peter+ introduced the idea of one on one engagements to enhance our understanding of one another. He is looking to the Vestry as a good place to start and migrate the concept to the Missions Commission in 2020.

6. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Doxology at 8:20 PM.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday May 21, at 7 PM, in the Formation Building classroom E. This meeting will include a report from the Missions Commission liaison.

Faithfully,

Jim Barnett

SMC Clerk



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