



ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

St. Margaret's Church
Westminster Parish
Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Two Days after feast of Damien, Priest and Leper, 1889 and Marianne,
Religious, 1918, of Molokai



Attending:

Peter Mayer+, Rector
Charlie Lang, Treasurer
Maggy Cullman
Phil Graham
Tim Parker
Sarah Westcott

Anne Sessions, Senior Warden
Jim Barnett, Clerk
Gwen Davis
Brian Williams
Rex Pingle
Abby Wenz

Steve Brennan, Junior Warden
Fran Becker
Christine Feldmann
Paul O'Donnell
Al Todd

Absent: Ruth Harmon

Also Attending: Lynn Killam, Izzy Winn, and Casey Pingle

1. Opening prayer was given at 7pm by Christine Feldmann.

2. The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

3. **Election of Officers** (Article VIII Section 2)

A. The Rector indicated that the Senior Warden remain in position through this meeting.

B. The Rector recommended, the Vestry so moved and second, that Paul O'Donnell would be the next Senior Warden. **Voted unanimously and elected.**

C. The Rector, Vestry and Officers all voiced the appreciation for the job Anne Sessions has done and wished her well and to remain proximate.

4. **Approval of Grants for 2018**

A. The grants process has been completed through the Committee level and Izzy Winn and Casey Pringle presented the slate of proposed Grants for 2018 (the Clerk does not have a copy for file) to the Vestry for approval.

B. A total of 30 applications were received, of which 13 were selected, reviewed, and prioritized. A total of \$95,000 was available for grants.

C. After some discussion, **a motion was made, seconded, and the Vestry voted to approve the slate as presented.**

D. The Rector thanked the Grants presenters for their diligent work on this important mission.

5. **Submitted Reports**

A. **Rector's Report – Peter Mayer** (not held by the Clerk)

1. The new Assistant Rector has been hired. Patti Sachs will begin at SMC in Mid-June.

2. The current interim Associate Rector will depart that position 3 June 2018 but, hopefully, will agree to support SMC through Vacation Bible School the end of June.

3. The search will continue for a lay individual to support SMC youth programs.

B. **Treasurer's Report – Charlie Lang**

1. The Easter weekend saw a surge of giving with a total of \$39,000
2. Last weekend (Easter extended) was also positive with \$17,000 received.
3. In addition to providing P&L sheets for SMC, the Treasurer submitted a P&L and "Stop Light" chart for St Margaret's Day School. He will continue to provide these quarterly. The SMDS liaison reminded the Vestry that the School Board reviews both inputs in depth on a monthly basis.
4. The Rector asked how, if knowable, the move to electronic giving has impacted our cash flow. The Treasurer indicated that it was all good since parishioners no longer have to remember to give and even when they are absent, the checks come in.

C. Missions Commission Report – Fran Becker and Christine Feldmann (report not held by Clerk)

1. In addition to the submitted report, Liaison reported that the partnership with the SMDS is working.
2. Camp Allen is approaching. The Senior Warden suggested that we post the need for Camp Allen support so that, potentially, High School students that need Community Service can apply and help.
3. There was a lengthy discussion on the viability and supportability of a Directory.
 - a. The Rector is reviewing this issue for currency and relevancy to SMC needs
 - 1) Discussion centered on utility and relevance. For instance, who do we carry on our 'rolls' who has departed.
 - 2) A more 'systems' oriented New Comers process.
 - 3) Welcome and connect to our various ministries as applicable.
 - 4) Are we a friendly community of a community of friends?
 - 5) Can we metric attendance?
 - 6) It was suggested that liaison reach down and connect and provide other liaison with potentials.
 - 7) We need Vestry buy in for this to work.
 - b. Any and all recommendations, thoughts, and suggestions are welcome.
 - c. This will supplement and, hopefully, facilitate our initiative to Invite, Welcome, and Connect.
 - d. invitewelcomeconnect@sewanee.edu is instructive in this effort.

5. Warden's Reports

A. Junior Warden – Steve Brennan (report filed by Clerk)

1. Contractor supported solutions continue to be investigated for lighting in the Parish Hall.
 - a. T2 Energy Solutions actively involved.
 - b. Estimate approximately \$8,000.
2. The Buildings and Grounds Commission conducted a walk-around of the campus 14 April.
 - a. Notes were taken and will be consolidated for submission in tiers to the Director of Operations.
 - b. It was noted that significant time was allocated to a review of the Playground.
 - c. It was requested that an earlier similar study (November 2017) be reviewed for consistency and completeness.

B. Senior Warden – Anne Sessions (report filed by Clerk)

1. The SMDC Board Chair and Director met with the Senior Warden to focus on how the school and the Church can better synergize their efforts to foster more useful and constructive ideas.
2. Several supportive thoughts were reflected by various Vestry members.
 - a. Raise the school's profile in the Church.
 - b. Let the Day School participate in Coffee Hour.
 - c. Make sure our community writ large knows that this school is accredited.
 - d. Consider acknowledging school staff, parents and students during a Sunday Service.
 - e. The Rector reiterated that a strong Day School leads to a strong Church and vice versa.

6. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm with a prayer and the singing of the doxology.

Next regular meeting is Tuesday May 15, 2017 in the Formation Building.

Faithfully,

Jim Barnett
Clerk