

St Mary's Episcopal Church
Lampasas, TX

June 28, 2020 Remote Zoom Vestry Meeting

Attending: Bill Adams, David Gibson, Betty Lindsey-Maxey, Mary Raring-Hart, Mike Watson, Georgia Hay, Sandi Andrews, Rev. Bill Fowler, Jan Sewall, Mary Casbeer

Absent: none

Open with Prayer: 11:03am

Approval of Minutes from May 31 meeting: Georgia Hay moved and Mary Casbeer seconded the motion to accept minutes as emailed from the May 31, 2020 vestry meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (*Mike Watson*)

1. Finance Report: Our financial reports show the church is doing well. The rebate and technology grants were both received. Pledges are above budget, plate is close to what was anticipated. Our strategic reserve remains the same. Expenses are down. Tasha will be paid from the discretionary fund account for the next few months. Sandi Andrews moved and Mary Casbeer seconded the motion to accept the May financial reports as presented, and the vestry approved unanimously.

Priest's Report (*Rev. Bill Fowler*)

1. Reopening Church Services: In light of the recent surge in COVID-19 cases, Bishop Doyle has reimposed closure of all churches located in metropolitan areas. Future partial reopening will require masks, social distancing, disinfection. Given this scenario, Rev. Bill has decided to maintain virtual services throughout the summer and reassess reopening when the situation improves. Senior Warden Bill Adams concurred, saying that Rev. Bill's decision is prudent, and that the risk associated with reopening is unwarranted. Rev. Bill assured the vestry that all diocesan clergy have been told to encourage anyone at risk to take care and stay home.
2. Technology Grant: Recent technology difficulties with sound are being addressed. Participation in virtual worship is steady. The technology grant has been received and St. Mary's level of virtual connection is above average given our resources.

Old Business: (*Rev. Bill Fowler, Bill Adams, Mike Watson*)

1. Diocese Assessment Refund: A Bishop Quinn grant for \$2250 is has been received and, in accordance with unanimous vestry decision, Mike Watson will send a check in this amount to the Lampasas Mission this week.

New Business: None

Junior Warden Report None.

Senior Warden Report (*Bill Adams*) Nothing significant to report. Our next vestry meeting will be probably be virtual, but if this situation changes, he will inform the vestry prior to the scheduled August 16 meeting.

Closed with Lord's Prayer: 11:11am

Next Meeting: August 30, 2020 (11:00am virtual meeting)