St Mary's Episcopal Church Lampasas, TX

May 31, 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

Absent: Mary Casbeer

Open with Prayer: 11:06am

Approval of Minutes from April 19 meeting: Sandi Andrews moved and Betty Lindsey-Maxey seconded the motion to accept minutes as emailed from the April 19, 2020 vestry meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (*Mike Watson*)

1. <u>Finance Report</u>: Our financial reports show the church is in sound shape. Georgia Hay moved and Jan Sewall seconded to accept the April financial reports as presented, and the vestry approved unanimously.

Priest's Report (Rev. Bill Fowler)

- 1. <u>Technology Grant</u>: Data shows that approximately 25-26 households are participating in St. Mary's virtual services (assuming two individuals per household, that translates to about 50 individuals). This level of participation is heartening and shows a positive trend. A \$2000 grant is available to upgrade virtual services and Rev. Bill plans to apply for these funds to continue improving virtual engagement.
- 2. <u>Diocese Assessment Refund</u>: A Bishop Quinn grant for approximately \$2200 is coming soon and Rev. Bill suggests it be used to support the Lampasas Mission.
- 3. Reopening Church Services: Bishop Doyle's admonition to clergy is that we strongly encourage those at higher-risk to stay home and continue to participate in services remotely. Rev. Bill is working closely with other pastors on ways to safely resume face-to-face services, but will closely monitor local COVID-19 levels before finalizing and publicizing plans. Until that time, St. Mary's will continue to hold virtual services only.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: (Rev. Bill, Bill Adams)

1. <u>Use of Diocese Assessment Refund for Lampasas Mission</u>: Bishop Doyle and Rev. Bill both encouraged St. Mary's to use the (approximately) \$2200 refund for outreach. Bill Adams made a motion to donate this money to the Lampasas Mission. Betty Lindsey-Maxey seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Junior Warden Report (Rev. Bill for Jan Sewall):

1. <u>Installation of Hirst House HVAC</u>: In accordance with the decision unanimously reached at the February 23, 2020 vestry meeting, the Hirst House has been outfitted with a new AC system.

Senior Warden Report (Bill Adams) see "Use of New Diocese Assessment Refund" above.

Closed with Lord's Prayer: 11:22am

Next Meeting: June 28, 2020 (11:00am virtual meeting)