

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Lampasas, TX

September 20, 2020, Remote Zoom Vestry Meeting

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

Absent: Mary Raring-Hart, Sandi Andrews

Open with Prayer: 11:14 AM

Approval of the Minutes from the August 30 meeting: No questions. Betty Lindsey-Maxey moved, and Jan Sewall seconded the motion to accept the minutes. The Vestry approved the minutes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (*Mike Watson*)

Finance Report: August finances are straight forward. Year-To-Date (YTD) pledge income is well ahead of forecast due to prepayments; this will diminish as forecast catches up through year end. Operating cash remains comfortably above our Cash Reserve Target. We did finally receive and pay YTD invoices for lawn maintenance, plus one for November 2019. We removed our second AT&T phone line and internet service, which will save about \$100/month from October. No expenses or significant income in restricted funds. David Gibson moved, and Jan Sewall seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Vestry approved the report unanimously.

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

Reopening Church Services: The first gathering will be the Noon Eucharist on 30 September. We will conduct Sunday services at 8 AM and 10 AM on October 4th. Father Bill will streamline the Service to approximately 30-40 minutes. We must wear masks. There will be no hymnals or prayer books. We will place hand sanitizer in the pews. We will place bulletins in the pews where people are to sit. We will use very other row to spread people out and maintain 6-12 feet of separation. People will remain seated during the service. Father Bill will bring the bread for Eucharist to people seating in the pews. There will be no wine. Georgia Hay recommended we use hand sanitizer after receiving the bread. People can bring their own Prayer Books with them to use during the service. There will be no congregational singing during the service; only the Cantor will sing. There will only be an opening and closing hymn. The worship team may take their mask off while reading. Georgia Hay voiced concern over the microphone being contaminated but the readers can wipe it down with a sanitizer wipe. There will be no requirement for a Vestry Person of the Day or Alter Guild. People should depart the church as soon as the Service is completed. They are also encouraged not to gather outside the Church before and after the Service without maintaining social distancing and using masks. We will place the offering plate at the back of the Church for the collection. We will not pass the plate during the Service.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Junior Warden Report: None.

Senior Warden Report (*Bill Adams*) Sandi Andrews has resigned from the Vestry for personal reasons. She requests that we respect her privacy. We will fill her position in December along with the three people departing the Vestry when their terms expire.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer: 11:45 AM

Next Meeting: October 18, 2020 (11:00 AM Virtual Meeting)