

St Mary's Episcopal Church
Lampasas, TX

August 30, 2020 Remote Zoom Vestry Meeting

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

Absent: Sandi Andrews

Open with Prayer: 11:03am

Approval of Minutes from June 28 meeting: Jan Sewall moved and Mike Watson seconded the motion to accept minutes as emailed from the June 28, 2020 vestry meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (*Mike Watson*)

1. Finance Report: Financial reports show the church is in sound financial condition and that pledge offerings are higher than anticipated, plate offerings are less, and costs are down. Betty Lindsey-Maxey moved and Jan Sewall seconded the motion to accept the June financial reports as presented, and the vestry approved unanimously.

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

1. Columbarium Niche Surrender: Barbara Racino has requested her husband's ashes be removed from the St. Mary's columbarium to another location closer to where she currently resides. Fr. Bill informed vestry that such a request requires vestry approval, and recommended such. Bill Adams made the motion to allow Barbara Racino permission to surrender the Racino columbarium niche; this motion was seconded by Jan Sewall and unanimously approved. Fr. Bill and Libby Bluntzer will witness the transfer of ashes from the columbarium to Barbara Racino.
2. Columbarium Amendment: Each occupied columbarium niche has a black faceplate engraved with the occupant's information. When a niche is surrendered back to St. Mary's these niche plates must be replaced; the cost of replacement is approximately \$120. Fr. Bill suggested that the vestry amend the columbarium policy to state that the cost of replacement be borne by the person making the surrender request. Bill Adams moved, and Betty Lindsey-Maxey seconded, the motion that the columbarium policy be amended to state that the requesting party pay this cost. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. Executive Session. Fr. Bill requested, and the vestry agreed to go into executive session to consider requirements involved in reopening church to regular services. The executive session began approximately 11:15am and ended at approximately 11:27am".

Old Business: (*Bill Adams*)

1. Thank you note from Lampasas Mission: The Lampasas Mission send a letter thanking St. Mary's for their generous donation

New Business: (*Bill Adams*)

1. Adult Literacy Program: A local church has inquired if St. Mary's might be interested in partnering with them and the Lampasas Mission in establishing an adult literacy program at some time in the future. Bill Adams made the motion to get further information about this possible outreach; David Gibson seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Junior Warden Report (*Jan Sewall*).

1. Pecan sprouts are growing in flowerbed which Jan Sewall and Fr. Bill have agreed to work together to remove these unwanted plants.

Senior Warden Report (*Bill Adams*)

1. Stability of funding streams: The treasurer report provides evidence that St. Mary's is doing well financially. Bill Adams encouraged people who wish to make plate offerings mail their contributions to the church post office rather than use the online Pay-Pal option to avoid the on-line processing fee.

Closed with Lord's Prayer: 11:33am

Next Meeting: September 20, 2020 (11:00am virtual meeting)