

**St. Mary and St. Jude
Vestry Meeting
Thurs. Nov. 17, 2011**

Present: Patricia Robertson, Maude March, Janet Stratton, Nancy Monfredo

By Phone: (Skype) Don Graves, Elizabeth Carey

Not present: Arthur Keller, Axie Diana, Peter Vaux

I. Meeting was called to order at 4 PM. After a moment of silence Patricia offered a prayer. We discussed Chap. 8 in Missional Renaissance, the last chapter.

II 2012 Budget:

- Item line for fuel: The amount was raised

- Item Line for salaries was adjusted to reflect the raises voted for the Rector and Parish Assistant.

-The budget will be revisited at the Annual Meeting Part 1.

Moved and seconded to approve the budget for 2012. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

III Approval of the Minutes of the October Meeting:

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously without abstention.

VI. Rector's Housing Allowance Agreement 2012.

**Resolution of the Parish of St. Mary and St. Jude
Northeast Harbor, Maine**

November 17, 2011

Whereas, the Reverend Patricia Rome Robertson, an ordained minister, serves the Parish of St. Mary and St. Jude, in Northeast Harbor, Maine, in the performance of sacerdotal functions and in the conduct of religious worship;

It is Hereby Resolved that \$3,000 of her total compensation for the year beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012, will be designated as a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Moved and seconded to approve the Rector's Housing Allowance Agreement for \$3000. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

V. Finance:

- Things are pretty much on track.
- There is a decrease in pledges and a corresponding increase in gifts.
 - People are changing the way they give. If they give through a foundation often a "pledge" is not permissible.
 - It is a different category of giving.
- Pledge status for 2012 is \$90,000.

VI. Nominating Committee:

- Stroud Fund: Heather Jones will be chair in 2012 when Janet Stratton's term is up.
 - suggestions for 2 remaining seats: Leslie Horvath and Kathy Suminsby.
- Vestry: to fill Carroll Fernald's seat- Jean Fernald was asked but she declined due to other obligations.
 - Patricia will ask John Favour and if he declines we will ask Beth Renault.

VII. Building and Grounds:

- Mold: a new estimate of about \$6,200 was received.
- The committee decided that mold remediation was the first priority.
- fixing the water problem could be worked out in a timely fashion.

Moved and seconded to accept the mold remediation plan as submitted by Eastern Mold Remediation. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

VIII. Memorial Committee:

- Kathy Suminsby and Patricia visited Almys. They found some vestments and vases for St. Mary's and St. Jude's.

Moved and seconded to recommend the expenditure of up to \$2400.00 from the Memorial Fund for the vestments and vases from Almys. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

IX. Mutual Ministry Agenda;

- Continue to give Vestry highlights and to send them to the Harbor

Chart for publication.

- Update on parishioners in need of pastoral visits and those who should be on the prayer list.
- Dec. 11 a big day: House Church, caroling, greening of the church, potluck and mitten tree.
- Suggested that Arthur write a piece on his experience at the MDES Community Forum.
- Don suggested that we assign vestry members to contact members of the parish.
 - Vestry members to submit 8 names to contact.

X. Rector's Report:

- Patricia will be away for 2 Sundays, Nov. 20 and 27, visiting family.
 - Vesta Kowalski has agreed to officiate.
 - Nov. 27 Mike Kennedy will preach.
- Dec. 18 Lessons and Carols a join service at St. Saviour's at 10 AM.
There will be an 8 AM service at St. Mary's.
- We will have 1 worship service every Sunday at 9 AM starting in January and continuing until Easter. This will bring more people together for fellowship and a periodic adult forum.

Next Vestry meeting: Jan. 12

Annual Meeting Part 1: Jan. 29.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer: 5:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Maude March with apologies to Axie Diana.