

+St. Michael's – Arlington, VA

Vestry Minutes: August 21, 2018

Vestry Mission Statement: *To lead St. Michael's in carrying out its mission, the Vestry will discern & communicate God's call, and care for St. Michael's resources.*

In attendance: Rev. Beth Magill, Dan Plafcan, Barb Adams, Julia Carter, TJ Burnside Clapp, Tim Matlack (via phone), Molly White & Michele Casciano

Absent: Mary Cushing, Penny Jones

Dwelling in the Word

Prayers for our parish family – prayers for parishioners, family, friends & neighbors

Discussion of Roxburgh Book: Assignment for Sept meeting: Chapter 6
Mapping our work with Roxburgh

Challenge: What practice are you willing to take on? It should be something small that you can commit to; be willing to share at the next vestry meeting. (Example -- Beth will be at Village Sweet for 90 minutes every Thursday w/out her laptop so that she can be open to engaging people.)

✓**Consent Agenda:** Approved

- Receive Financial Reports
- Approve July meeting minutes
- Senior Warden's report
- Junior Warden's report
- Rector's report

New Business:

Vestry Liaisons – Make initial contact w/ the ministries & offer to hold that ministry & leader in prayer. If there is something particular to note, write a short report to submit to the consent agenda.

Mission & Outreach	-	Michele Casciano
Altar Guild	-	Tim Matlack
Music Ministry	-	Julia Carter
Nursing Home	-	Penny Jones
Welcome/Hospitality	-	Barb Adams
Children & Youth	-	Molly White
Block Party	-	TJ Burnside Clapp
Parish Weekend	-	TJ Burnside Clapp
Ushers	-	Rector
Acolytes	-	Rector
Communications	-	Rector
Finance Cmt.	-	Senior Warden
Stewardship	-	Senior Warden
Buildings & Grounds	-	Jr. Warden

Sharing Faith Dinners – To be continued in 2019, based on the success of the “2018 Fellowship Dinners”

- Pick a period of time & allow various formats/ sign-ups
- Continue to build community/get to know parishioners better

Mission Spending Plan Prioritization – ‘Steps Along the Path’ used as a reference. (See separate attachment that outlines SAP categories & notes achievements for 2018 & priorities for 2019)

- Theological document v. budget
- Regular cost of living increases, etc... will be recommended by Senior Warden
- Question about forming a quarterly worship committee to incorporate some creative ideas
- Mission & Outreach goals/actual spending under assessment by the M&O committee
 - Suggest separating out the diocesan contribution from the Mission & Outreach
 - At a glance it looks like 12% of budget goes to M&O
 - Currently 10% goes to the Diocese & 2% is for M&O
- Altar Guild funds to be restructured to help increase financial transparency by tracking expenses & donations.
- Future of the “playground space? Should this be a 2019 priority?
- Suggest a placeholder number to increase the money spent for cleaning &/or separating the cleaning/maintenance as different line items in the budget.
- Roof replacement: there is no current replacement cost estimate. Should a separate fund be established?
- Add a “Neighbor Outreach” line item to support reaching out to our community & welcoming our neighbors.

Supply Priest: Sept 2, 2018 & Sept 16, 2018 – Diane Murphy

- Michele will be the contact person for the 8:00 service
- Barb will be the contact person for the 10:00 service

Toast to Beth & Nic: Vestry authorizes up to \$1,500 from the staff development fund for a wedding celebration in the parish hall on Dec. 2, 2018.

Blessing and Dismissal

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Casciano - Registrar