St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Stone Harbor, New Jersey

Vestry Meeting Minutes, Sunday, September 20th

Attendance: Mother Allison, Lillian Armstrong, Kate Rodriguez, Cathy Johnson, Pat Saunders. Absent: Larry Schmidt, Dina Ziemba, Susan DeStefano. Treasurer Jack Olthuis was also unable to attend.

Vestry met briefly in the Parish Hall. The minutes from the last Vestry meeting were approved, as were the August financial statements.

Lillian asked about Fr. Glenn Matis and Mother Allison shared that he is fully retired. Those in attendance expressed their preference for spoken prayer with hymns for Morning Prayer services. They also expressed their gratitude to Larry Schmidt for leading the sung service and for leading Morning Prayer in the future.

The group discussed topics for Visioning With the Vestry this Sunday, and Mother Allison suggested that we ask how members of the congregation are engaged with their local communities so that we might better leverage our own reach within the community. We are looking forward to the special coffee hour on Sunday.

The group also discussed a donation to a local non-profit.

Due to small attendance on September 20th, the Vestry will also meet informally after the coffee hour on Sunday, September 27th to review the fall calendar and any other topics.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.

Minutes by Lillian Armstrong