

## **St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

### **Vestry Agenda**

**September 21, 2014**

### **Opening Prayer and Reflection (15 minutes)**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. *Psalm 23*

*(BCP translation)*

### **Mission and Vision (50 minutes)**

Stewardship and Reconnection

Prioritizing Building Needs

### **Business (45 minutes)**

#### **Action Items**

Approve Minutes, Financials\* (10 mins)

New Check Signers\* (5 mins)

Parish Hall Ramp\* (5 mins)

#### **Reports, Updates and Discussion**

Normandie/Irolo Plaza update (5 mins)

Bishop Bruce's "Walkabout" (5 mins)

Bishop's Ball (5 mins)

By-law committee report (5 mins)

Trash removal (report pending)

Mother Anna's Schedule (5 mins)

#### **Dates Coming Up**

October 5 Blessing of the Animals

October 19 Vestry Meeting

October 26 Halloween Fun at Church

October 27 Walkabout with Bishop Bruce

October 31 Halloween Fun with Mother Nancy

November 2 Special All Saints/All Souls services

\*Requires Vestry Vote

## **Anna's Guide to the Agenda Items**

### **Stewardship and Reconnection**

We talked last month about calling pledgers and regular givers to reconnect. We will split up the list today, and talk about a simple script to get the conversation started. We can also talk about how best to present a narrative budget.

### **Prioritizing Building Needs**

Like all old buildings, St. Mary's needs various things, some more urgently than others. We've been getting estimates on painting, which is pretty expensive. I think we need a larger conversation about how to prioritize and fund these big projects.

### **Minutes and Financials**

Please review these before the meeting.

### **New Check Signers**

We've been having trouble getting checks signed consistently. Let's see if we can come up with three new people to add to the signers' list, and consider which old signers we might relieve for now.

### **Ramp Project**

We've had multiple requests for a ramp to make it possible for wheelchairs to enter the Parish Hall more easily. Having tried using a folding metal ramp, it is clear that we need something more permanent and less easy to trip over. We have an estimate to complete a concrete ramp for \$900. Erik and I recommend approval.

### **Normandie/Irolo Plaza update**

We had major progress this week, thanks to good community organizing.

### **Bishop Bruce's "Walkabout"**

Bishop Bruce is doing "walkabouts" at all the churches under her supervision. Our turn is October 27. It's a Monday, so I know most of you probably can't be here, but would love to have you if possible. We will walk with her in the neighborhood and around the church, and talk about needs and possibilities for neighborhood engagement.

### **Bishop's Ball**

We've been asked to co-host the Bishop's Ball for Youth, with Trinity on January 31. Should be fun! It comes with a modest budget, and a good chance to get more youth involved and connected to the larger church.

### **Bylaw Committee Report**

We have just gotten feedback from the Diocese on some changes that they want to see. They have recommended that we wait to approve the final version until after Diocesan Convention in December because of some proposed changes to the Diocesan Constitution and Canons.

**Trash Removal**

We will talk about trash next month. (Not “talk trash”, mind you.)

**Mother Anna’s Schedule**

I’m going to Korea and Japan! I’ll be gone Sept 29-October 12. Mother Nancy will do 7:30, and Father Butch will do 9:45 and noon. I have one more week of vacation left. I may push it to January, because the rest of the year is going to be pretty busy, but I will take a few days writing retreat at some point in November.