



ST. MARY'S VESTRY MEETING NOVEMBER 27, 2017

ST. MARY'S PURPOSE

Pursue and recognize heaven on Earth through relationship with God and service to others and one another

ST. MARY'S CORE VALUES

Seek God. Love one another. Serve others.

ST. MARY'S PROVIDES

Worship, Outreach, Pastoral Care, Formation, and Fellowship

ANCHORS FOR VESTRY DECISION MAKING

- Use and share our physical resources/space to do outreach service
- Engage the geographic community of Park Ridge and the surrounding region
- Form vital spiritual practices to launch disciples into the world
- Ask "What is God up to here?"

Agenda:

Opening Prayer	7:00
What is God up to here? –Bill Totsch	7:05
Discussion Items	7:15
Approvals	8:30 – 8:45
Minutes	
Treasurer's Report	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Stewardship and Budget Process: We will look at a summary report of the results from the 2017 Stewardship campaign. Prior to our meeting, the Rector, Wardens, and Treasurer will gather to assess current numbers, make some preliminary projections, and put together a working draft of the 2018 budget. We will discuss and review this working draft at our meeting, highlighting areas that require additional consideration. We will put together a smaller working group of the vestry to work with the Rector, Wardens, and Treasurer in creating a proposed budget to be reviewed at our December meeting.

APPROVALS AND RECAPS

2. Minutes & Treasurer's Report

3. Brief-Recap: What will happen prior to our next meeting?

4. Properties:

In mid-October 12 glass block sections of the windows along the alley were broken by vandals. A police report was made. The glass will be replaced when weather permits at a cost of \$750.

We now have two relatively new groups renting space. *The Bulgarian Education Center* began using the upstairs spaces (above the Grauer Lounge) last Summer and continue doing so on Saturdays from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. They also use the Grauer Lounge from 9 to 10 AM. And they will perform a Christmas Pageant in Beyer Auditorium Saturday, December 23 at 2 PM.

And, beginning December 2, *Grace Evangelical Church* (a separate Bulgarian group) will have Prayer Meetings on Saturdays in The Chapel from 4 to 9 AM (yes that is 4 in the morning) and Prayer Meetings Sundays in The Chapel from 2 to 4 PM, followed by fellowship in The Grauer Lounge from 4 to 6 PM. These two groups will provide Saint Mary's with roughly \$9,000 of Space Use Income in 2018.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- December 3 ~ First Sunday in Advent/Bishops Visit for Confirmations/Receptions
- December 10 ~ Christmas Pageant
- December 24 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent /Christmas Eve
(10am service, 5pm xmas eve service, 10pm xmas eve service)
- December 25 ~ Christmas Day (10am service)
- December 26 ~ Parish Office Closed
- December 31 ~ First Sunday after Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
(Regular 8am and 10am services)

November Vestry Meeting reports due November 20th
November Vestry Meeting is November 27th