

ST. PAUL'S VESTRY MEETING

October 10, 2017

ATTENDANTS: Rev. Christopher Martin, Pierce Gore, Walter Tanner, Libby Silvestri, Joan Adams, Tom Witt

ABSENT: Doug Sprague, Janie Burtch, Alison Blume, John Shaver, Ginny Horton, Meg Gorman

With a quorum at the table, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jae Eitel, Jim Dodds and Tim Hixon and their families were remembered in thought and prayer.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 12, 2017 meeting were approved.

AGENDA: The meeting agenda was approved.

EVENT PLANNING:

Katie Taggart made a guest appearance to update the Vestry on progress in the Upper Room and upcoming events.

Evening Song will take place on January 25th. The music program is being planned by Mike Struck. There will be an English-themed reception to follow.

Invitations and reminders will be sent out in early January.

Party will take place in the Key Room at Homeward Bound in Novato. Cost will be \$50 per person, not including champagne and wine (no host reception).

Probable menu: *hors d'oeuvres* with two or three main dishes, including citrus salad, veggie risotto and chicken Marsala. For desert, there will be individual bundt cakes for each of the eight tables.

Alice King and Jane Santucci will be providing table decorations. Invitations and follow ups will go out in early January.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE: May 6, 2018

Tours of the church will be led by Jay Luther.

Menu will be English fare: bangers, shepherd's pie, ale and wine, etc.
Neville will be suggesting some appropriate medieval music. Possibly a minstrel.

In Duncan Hall, tables will be set up for St. Paul's various discipleship groups and outreach ministries.

The committee is discussing admission prices. One thought is to just sell food and drink. There are more meetings to come, but all planning committees will have a break in December.

Gift items could be sold including magnets, small, stuffed animals and English-related items (including books by British authors?)

Tom suggested printing and selling greeting cards featuring the photo of the church interior, re-purposed from the cover of the directory. Inside would be blank for all occasions. (Could be sold as singles for \$3.00 each or bundles of ten for \$25 or so.) Tom will have a few samples to review in our next Vestry meeting.

RECAP OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, October 22nd: dedication of the Hardin Courtyard.

Sunday, October 29th: open house at the Martin's home in San Anselmo from 4-6 pm. The Vestry is asked to attend.

Sunday, November 5: Gratitude Brunch. The Vestry will be hosting a champagne brunch with fresh fruit, ham-and-cheese croissants and toasted bagels with cream cheese and smoked salmon. This will be a festive opportunity to thank one and all for being part of the good work at St. Paul's and a prompt for us all to pitch in together to continue that work.

Thursday, January 25: Bishop Mark will be attending the Evening Song Service and will attend service on Sunday January 28 for his pastoral visit.

Saturday, January 27 will be the dinner/dance celebration.
150th ANNIVERSARY AND PRAY-WORSHIP-SERVE RETREAT

The Pray-Worship-Serve Retreat will take place on the weekend of February 22-25. Christopher is hoping for a total of 60 attendants.

The Spring Open House will take place on May 6, when Fr. Christopher plans to tell St. Paul's' story and display exhibits of all of our outreach programs.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Tom offered to compose a letter about stewardship on behalf of the Vestry. To be submitted and reviewed on Wednesday 10.11, mailed on Thursday, 10.12.

All contributed good suggestions for possible content:

- Mechanics of tithing and keeping the good work at St. Paul's going.
- Doesn't matter if you've pledged before, please be a part of this
- Pierce suggested included an affirming message such as "thanks to your generosity, look at what we've accomplished...We all make a difference..."
- Libby added that St. Paul's is not a stagnant parish; it is constantly moving forward and improving.
- Tanner added that St. Paul's is a good investment: a place where tithes and gifts are put to their best use.
- Joan suggested we include a reminder that 5-10% of every pledge goes to outreach: teen success breakfast, etc. If you can't do service, feel free to raise your charitable giving.

Tanner to make an announcement about stewardship on Sunday the 14th.

Pierce to make an announcement at service on 10.22.

Joan to make an announcement on 10.29.

CAMPUS ISSUES:

Brass memorial (“Worship in the Beauty of Holiness”) will be mounted on the west wall of Duncan Hall by end of October, flanked by framed photos of the church.

PAINTING

Mike from Kunst Painting will be power washing the church exterior on Saturday Oct. 14th. Could take 2-3 weeks to do the painting. He will be painting the surfaces that need it most.

ROOF:

\$65k has been previously approved to spend for maintenance of the roof. This probably won't happen until Spring.

BUDGET, FUNDS AND PROJECTS ON THE HORIZON

Christopher informed the Vestry that the church has now spent the majority of the memorial fund. Due to unforeseen overages, Spriff III went over budget by \$20k. We still have six months of emergency operating budget remaining (\$15,000).

We will continue to receive \$450 from the School to help pay for the HVACS System (heating and venting AC system) air conditioning.

While we celebrate all the improvements and renovations, we need to start gathering funds to finance other renovations/enhancements to the church.

Christopher proposed that we open a Spriff IV Fund to pay for:

- Needed upgrades to the kitchen
- Floor in Church
- Pulpit area
- Proper, architectural lighting in Church
- Upgrades to rooms # 6-10 along Education Wing

Pierce suggested we get prelim estimates before we make an announcement about the financial need. Specific numbers help frame specific goals. This could

be one of the announcements during our Annual Church Meeting in Feb. (Super Bowl Sunday).

LIGHTING FOR MAPLE TREES

Bruce and Janie Burtch have offered to pay for white lights to be strung through the branches of the large leaf maples along the street, including a timer.

A motion was made to accept Bruce and Janie's offer. The motion was unanimously approved.

FUTURE EVENTS

Pierce suggested that we start to think about future events that can make use of St. Paul's courtyard and campus throughout the year.

Libby suggested that we consider hosting music events and courtyard concerts at St. Paul's, especially in the Spring and Summer months.

Christopher wants to encourage the Vestry and church to get the full vision of New College of Christian Practice and all of its possibilities, to live out "the dream of hospitality" in Marin and the greater Bay Area.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Book sale will take place Saturday October 14th from 10 am to 5 and Sunday, October 15th from 11 am to 3.

As Christopher is away in Florida on Sunday, 10.15.17, Molly Hass (formerly Rector of Redeemer) will preside over services and two baptisms.

St. Paul's will be visible and present at Diocesan Convention (October 27-28th).

Christopher has been asked to speak on Episcopal Impact Fund. Shifting its mission to things like St. Monica's Mutual Housing.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Attention to maintenance will become our priority to keep our parish and campus in pristine condition.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 with Compline read by Joan.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Witt
Substitute Scribe for the Irreplaceable Janie