

MINUTES
ST. PAUL'S VESTRY MEETING
June 13, 2017

PRESENT: The Rev. Christopher Martin, Ginny Horton, Tom Witt, Walter Tanner, Joan Adams, Pierce Gore, John Schaver, Libby Silvestri, Meg Gorman

ABSENT: Senior Warden Doug Sprague, Jae Eitel, Alison Blume.

The meeting, at which a quorum was established, was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with Evening Prayer.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

AGENDA: Fr. Christopher proposed amending the agenda by adding the business of electing a junior warden. The agenda as amended was approved by unanimous consent.

JUNIOR WARDEN: Pierce Gore was unanimously elected as Junior Warden.

CAMPUS:

Various campus projects were discussed as follows:

Hardin Courtyard Gardens:

The options for planting the courtyard are: (1) Alison's pure designer vision utilizing only Mediterranean and local plants, or (2) maintaining Alison's design plans but modifying some of the plants so that they are not strictly Mediterranean and local, and will bloom at varying times of the year. Both options would cost the same. Fr. Christopher expressed his preference for option #2 and received by unanimous consent the Vestry's support for proceeding with option #2.

Parking Lot:

Work on the parking lot will commence on August 21. In the meantime, we will be obtaining the appropriate permits and approval from the City.

Bathrooms

Work on bathrooms will start as soon as the contractor returns from vacation. Keatin is in the process of selecting vanities, etc. for the bathrooms.

Painting

Keatin continues to work on Fr. Christopher's office and the upper room. Painting in each of those rooms will commence next week.

Duncan Hall

Plans for the wall hangings in Duncan Hall are being finalized.

Fr. Christopher has encouraged Steve Avanzino to look at exterior paint possibilities, particularly since the funds are available due to estate contributions.

Libby proposed displaying art from the children's program in a prominent place. Fr. Christopher will discuss this idea with Keatin.

Pierce inquired about the possibility of replacing the carpet in the Sanctuary. Fr. Christopher indicated this has been addressed in the past and is very costly, and cannot be included in this phase of SPRIF.

ST. MONNICA'S MUTUAL HOUSING COMMUNITY: BY-LAWS:

The bylaws for Mutual Housing Marin have been approved by Jay but not yet by St. John's Ross. It is still too early for our Vestry to approve the bylaws as Fr. Christopher would like to receive comments from St. John's Vestry before our Vestry reviews the bylaws for approval. As it is possible that the by-laws will be ready for our Vestry review before Fr. Christopher leaves for vacation in July, another June Vestry meeting may be called or the Vestry discussion and/or vote may be done through email.

PRAYWORSHIPSERVICE RETREAT AND SESQUICENTENIAL:

Katie Taggart has recruited Michael Greene and Kati Dombrosky to work with her on the three events celebrating our 150th anniversary. Mike Struck has already chosen music for Thursday's Evensong. The Saturday dinner/dance party will be at Homeward Bound in Novato, with food being provided by Homeward Bound. The open house will be later next spring. Fr. Christopher moved that the open house be on Trinity Sunday of 2018 (the week after Pentecost); the motion was seconded by Pierce and unanimously approved.

Fr. Christopher continues to recruit attendees to the PrayerWorshipServe retreat and hopes to have 15-20 sign-ups before he leaves for vacation. The retreat center can accommodate up to 40 people, and local people will also be invited. Fr. Christopher anticipates topping out at 80 people, including at least 20 locals, St. Paul's "teachers;" and those coming from out of town.

SUMMER PLANS:

Fr. Christopher proposed that it would be appropriate to have a July Vestry meeting on July 11 during which the Vestry could meet with John McDermott to review budget matters. There will be a regular Vestry meeting in August. Jim Ward will preside over the Sunday services in July. Steve Avanzino will oversee the bathroom work. Larry and Pat will continue overseeing campus work.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Fr. Christopher reported on the following:

John Schaver will be working with St. Vincent de Paul and local police and fire personnel on disaster preparedness for the church.

Tanner and Fr. Christopher will be leading a book study in the fall.

The new cleaners are doing a great job.

Larry Van Note has assumed the position of Sexton to help with smaller maintenance jobs on campus.

Fr. Christopher completed a small basic discipleship group at Nativity, and will be leading the same with people (including Daniel London) at St. Francis.

The National Anthem will be sung by the choir at the Pacifics game on July 23. The choirs from all Marin Episcopal churches have been invited to participate as well.

Libby advised that she and Ginny have formed a Cursillo 4th day group with 11 other women.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm with Compline read by Ginny Horton .

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Burtch
Recording Secretary