

MINUTES
ST. PAUL'S VESTRY MEETING
June 19, 2014

PRESENT: The Rev. Christopher Martin, Senior Warden Keira Vicente, Al Petrie, Jerry Robinson, Steve Avanzino, Vladimir Sovyak, Kay Blackwill, Michelle Hixon

ABSENT: Eric Guastavino, Judy Rowcliffe

The meeting, at which a quorum was established, was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with Evening Prayer read by Kay Blackwill .

AGENDA: The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 15, 2014 meeting will be approved at the next Vestry meeting on July 24, 2014.

AS BUILT PROCESS:

Fr. Christopher confirmed the importance of being able to obtain approval on short notice when necessary, such as was the case with the recent email approval of hiring the draftsman for the as-built drawings. Steve advised that they have decided not to have a fire contractor at the school at this time, so the drawings will be very helpful to have in the future when the work will be done.

It is hoped that the MDS children will not have to be displaced during construction.

NEXT YEAR COME AND SEE/SPRIF III

Fr. Christopher discussed SPRIF III. Maggie, Jay, Tenesa, Joan & Christopher met on Saturday for ongoing discussions and committed to meet weekly. Joan Adams, Tenesa Vuilleminot, John Shaver, and Pat Curtis have been asked to be a part of the group. They are still planning on launching in September. Each person will come up with 10 names in the congregation to approach with questions on their thoughts. Three things are to be communicated: (1) the relationship with school; (2) taking the sense of sacred space from the church to the courtyard, and (3) making the space a "house of hospitality". The school and courtyard will be the first two priorities. We are hoping to raise \$500,000, with a bare minimum of \$150,000-\$200,000, and are hopeful to have it completed after a year.

A discussion of impressions of the phrase "house of hospitality" followed Fr. Christopher's presentation.

JUNIOR WARDEN

The lack of junior warden was discussed. It was unanimous that all members did not feel called to be Junior Warden and felt that Vladimir is being called. Vladimir agreed that he is being called. The possibility of changing Vestry meetings to Tuesday evenings so that Vladimir would be more available was discussed. No schedule changes were made at this time, and the next meeting will be on July 24.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS:

Keira discussed the dinner at Nativity which included members from Redeemer, St. Francis and St. Paul's' senior wardens and vestry members. They are looking for ideas on how to move forward. Nativity's Rector Stacey Grossman is leaving Nativity and hoping for more people to support them, with more communication with each other. Fr. Christopher commented on the wonderful energy at the meeting and suggested the possibility of inviting some of the attendees to a Vestry meeting.

Steve discussed the Thursday morning prayer group comprised of members from Grace Marin and St. Paul's. There are plans to expand the group.

Fr. Christopher reported discussions are in progress with St. John's Ross about the development of permanent supported housing. Fr. Christopher and St. John's Rector Chris Rankin-Williams have agreed to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Fr. Christopher is excited to have St. Paul's be a part of this movement as another example of Christian ministry.

Keira and Fr. Christopher advised of efforts to simplify the accounting/bookkeeping process. Keira advised that Shelley and John McDermott should meet and make sure the accounts are organized and categorized correctly, and inactive accounts are cleared.

RECTOR'S REPORT:

Fr. Christopher reported on the following:

Come and See Retreat – 14 people are already planning to come.

Labor Day Retreat – There are still 12 available slots for the retreat at Bishop's Ranch. The retreat starts with Friday's potluck dinner, and ends Monday morning.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. with Compline led by Vladimir Sovyak.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Burtch
Recording Secretary