

**MINUTES**  
**ST. PAUL'S VESTRY MEETING**  
**September 12, 2017**

**PRESENT:** The Rev. Christopher Martin, Senior Warden Doug Sprague, Ginny Horton, Walter Tanner, Libby Silvestri, Pierce Gore, Joan Adams, Alison Blume, Tom Witt

**ABSENT:** Meg Gorman, John Schaver

The meeting, at which a quorum was established, was called to order at 7:04 p.m. with Evening Prayer led by Doug Sprague.

The loss of Vestry member Jae Eitel was remembered in thought and prayer. The funeral service is likely to be Friday, October 6 at the Elks Club.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

**AGENDA:** The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

**CAMPUS:**

Fr. Christopher reported that the tasks of the campus are almost complete. The total cost for all 3 bathrooms is \$62,000, more than what was hoped for but not surprising. The biggest cost overrun was from the contractors who, when they discovered the condition of the wall with additional required repairs, charged \$41,000 rather than \$28,000. Fr. Christopher distributed a report from the contractors justifying the overrun. The final numbers will be provided to us in the future once Keatin and Lorrie have received a more detailed invoice per their request. Also, Keatin Holly has charged for some of her hours at the end, but not significantly.

The bees have been removed from the Church at a cost of \$1,800, plus \$500 for rental of a lift to reach the area of the hive. A lift will have to be rented again when the wall is repaired prior to painting of the exterior of the Church, which is likely to be late September or early October. Bob Kunst will be doing the painting.

New roofing probably won't happen until spring.

We have contracted with a friend of Fr. Christopher's who harvests wheat and turns it into flour for Communion bread. She will be preaching on October 29.

Attention to maintenance will become our priority to keep our campus in pristine condition or "nickel," using the French expression. Plans are in progress for encouraging everyone to clean up after themselves and maintain our beautiful campus. Janie reported on the upcoming "We Care" recycling program.

**STEWARDSHIP:**

Stewardship is upon us. A better list has been produced for this year's mailing. In discussing possible methods, Tanner suggested putting together a committee to engage in one-on-one discussions and questions/answers with parishioners, presenting their pledge card at the end. Joan suggested hosting a dinner to make these personal connections, and it was decided that hosting a breakfast after Sunday service would likely be better attended. Fr. Christopher proposed sending out an initial letter outlining the campus projects, and then a proper stewardship letter in early October from the Vestry. Doug, Tanner, and Libby volunteered to help compose the letter, and Fr. Christopher hopes to include John Schaver as well in writing the letter. Fr. Christopher will send a proposed schedule of the steps to be taken. October 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the dedication of the Hardin Courtyard, October 29<sup>th</sup> will be an open house at Fr. Christopher's home, and November 5 will be a celebration of St. Anne's.

**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY, PRAYWORSHIPSERVE RETREAT AND NEW COLLEGE:**

Bishop Mark will be coming to the Evensong on Thursday, January 25, and again on Sunday January 28 for his pastoral visit. Saturday, January 27 will be the dinner/dance celebration. The PrayWorshipServe retreat will be on February 22-25. Fr. Christopher is hoping for a total of 60 people. The Open House will be on May 6, when Fr. Christopher plans to tell St. Paul's' story and display exhibits of all of our outreach programs.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

Tanner reported on the great success of the book study group with 14 attendees, 3 of whom were academic professors. Everyone was engaging the text with great conversation.

Libby offered a reminder of the importance of the visual of our children's presence through artwork, etc. Fr. Christopher advised that this is in process.

**RECTOR'S REPORT:**

Fr. Christopher reported on various pastoral issues.

The committee on St. Monnica's Commons will be meeting again next week.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm with Compline read by Ginny Horton.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Burtch  
Recording Secretary