

MINUTES
ST. PAUL'S VESTRY MEETING
August 21, 2014

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

ABSENT: Judy Rowcliffe, Kay Blackwill

INVITEES: Shelley Champine, Jay Luther, Maggie Baxter

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

AGENDA: The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April, June & July, 2014 meetings were unanimously approved..

REALM DATABASE:

Shelley reviewed the various features of the new website.

SPRIF III

Maggie Baxter reviewed the timeline (see attached) and preliminary plans for SPRIF III, the launch of which is one month from today. The committee meets every other Saturday at 9:00. Maggie and Jay extended an invitation to email them with any thoughts or concerns at Maggie.baxter@verizon.net or jayluther@gmail.com .

HOUSEHOLD, HOUSE, HUB

Fr. Christopher discussed the document he prepared relating to St. Paul's being a household, house and hub and solicited comments. The importance of parishioners becoming involved, and the effectiveness of someone being asked to help, was discussed. People need to be asked. Fr. Christopher hopes for more whole church involvement in helping with St. Anne's bazaar.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS:

Keira related that, per Larry Santucci, 3-4 more ushers are needed to be available to serve at the 10:00 service.

Fr. Christopher advised that some parishioners who have been attending St. Paul's for many years are upset with changes, i.e., no "warm body" here to greet visitors.

Jay Luther advised that we were ready to begin the installation of the HVAC on Saturday, but it has been delayed due to vacations of Bright Horizons personnel. Jay wanted to have their absolute commitment to the process before starting.

Fr. Christopher advised that the tax exemption problem is almost fully resolved.

Fr. Christopher advised that there are now 37 registrants for the Come & See Retreat

Fr. Christopher presented a special request to take 2 successive months of time off in 2015 from mid-June to mid-August, using one month's vacation and one month's sabbatical. Fr. Christopher has accrued six months of sabbatical time, more than he expects he will ever use. Jim Ward would be available during Fr. Christopher's absence. Jerry Robinson proposed a motion, seconded by Vladimir Sovyak, that Fr. Christopher's one-month vacation and one-month sabbatical from mid-June to mid-August 2015 be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

RECTOR'S REPORT:

Fr. Christopher reported on the following:

The "silver tsunami" is occurring at St. Paul's with the changing demographics, and listed prayer requests for various parishioners experiencing illnesses and physical disabilities.

Consideration is being given to two new childcare people.

Tenesa Vuillemenot is working on making the coffee hour more welcoming. Steve Avanzino proposed having appreciation events at coffee hour.

The Thursday men's morning prayer group is now open to all men and women, and will commence at 7:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. with Compline led by Eric Guastavino.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Burtch
Recording Secretary