

MINUTES
ST. PAUL'S VESTRY MEETING
December 18, 2014

PRESENT: The Rev. Christopher Martin, Senior Warden Keira Vicente, Jerry Robinson, Steve Avanzino, Eric Guastavino

ABSENT: Junior Warden Vladimir Sovyak, Judy Rowcliffe, Al Petrie, Kay Blackwill

INVITEE: Jay Luther

The meeting, at which a quorum was established, was called to order at 7:04 p.m. with Evening Prayer read by Eric Guastavino.

AGENDA: The agenda was approved by unanimous consent, with one amendment that the SPRIF Fund be discussed first.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 20, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved..

SPRIF III: The proposed Resolution Creating St. Paul's Restoration and Improvement Fund III, attached, was presented by Jay Luther. Jay described the initial three steps: 1) to create bank accounts to receive money; 2) to have all electronic and accounting elements in place so that when the SPRIF solicitation is received, donors can donate through all the various options of placing a check in the plate, mailing a check to the church, on-line donation via credit or debit, direct deposit, or stock or security donations, such as IRAs; and 3) to create how the funds are designated for use, i.e., kitchen, courtyard, or HVAC for school. The procedures for receiving money are in place with the exception of a few small details. The full resolution is proposed to be adopted as part of the bylaws. A motion was proposed by Jerry Robinson, seconded by Steve, to adopt the resolution and it was unanimously approved. An overview and discussion of the status of SPRIF will be presented at the next Vestry meeting, prior to presentation at the annual meeting.

VESTRY MEMBERS FOR NEXT YEAR: The status of searching for new Vestry members for next year was reviewed.

2015 BUDGET: The revised budget was discussed.

A motion to go into Executive Session was proposed by Fr. Christopher to discuss sensitive donation matters. Jerry Robinson moved to go into executive session, seconded by Keira Vicente, and unanimously approved. The executive session was begun at 7:23 pm and ended at 7:32 pm.

Steve Avanzino proposed a motion to approve the revised budget as presented to the Vestry. The motion was seconded by Keira Vicente, and unanimously approved.

HOUSING RESOLUTION: Fr. Christopher proposed that the amount of the clergy salary designated for housing be the same number as last year. It was moved by Jerry Robinson to approve the housing resolution as read, seconded by Keira Vicente, and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

The children's program was discussed and will be revisited in a couple of months. Keira Vicente proposed that more children's activities, such as the advent wreath making, be available for participation by the whole congregation in the future.

Fr. Christopher reported that the drum recital this past weekend was longer than usual and disturbed certain neighbors. The bigger question is how much of that type of program do we want to encourage at St. Paul's. Fr. Christopher hopes to create a policy in this regard in the coming year.

Steve Avanzino reported that the lighting in the church was completed and all lights and timers are working. The fixtures in the basement require ballast replacements which will be done in the near future. Jerry Robinson has reset the rat traps. All towel dispensers in the 5 bathrooms will be replaced this week.

Construction at the school will be delayed by a couple of weeks. The construction people are taking great initiative to bring everything up to code. Everything has passed inspection.

The records on the four areas of the campus will be updated after the first of the year, as well as improved organization of records on memorials.

There seems to be a flow of new people. Eric proposed having "bring a friend" Sundays.

RECTOR'S REPORT:

Christopher reported on various pastoral issues/health issues.

Christmas Caroling at the soup kitchen was very successful.

Christmas Eve services will be at 5:00 pm (children's service) and 11:00 pm (preceded by 10:30 music), and the Christmas Day service will be at 10:00 am followed by a potluck Christmas feast hosted by Fr. Christopher and Chloe.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with Compline led by Steve Avanzino.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Burtch
Recording Secretary