

**MINUTES**  
**ST. PAUL'S VESTRY MEETING**  
**March 1, 2016**

**PRESENT:** The Rev. Christopher Martin, Steve Avanzino, Ginny Horton, Joan Adams, John Schaver, Pierce Gore, Meg Gorman, Doug Sprague, Jae Eitel

**ABSENT:** Kay Blackwill

The meeting, at which a quorum was established, was called to order at 700 p.m. with Evening Prayer read by Joan Adams.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

**ORIENTATION AND SCHEDULE:** Introductions of the new Vestry members were made. Fr. Christopher discussed the responsibilities of the Vestry, including review and approval of the budget; campus issues; new ideas, projects, missions and directions for the congregation; and issues regarding the relationship with the school. Regarding campus issues, a policy is in place that expenditures over \$1,000 require multiple bids and Vestry approval. Roberts Rules of Order will be followed at all Vestry meetings. Following a discussion of this year's Vestry meeting schedule, Pierce Gore moved that this year's meetings will be scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month. The motion was seconded by Doug Sprague and unanimously approved.

Fr. Christopher pointed out that a Senior Warden will be chosen by him within the next couple of weeks, in time for approval by the Vestry at the April meeting. Also, the Junior Warden will be elected by the Vestry.

**ORDERS OF BUSINESS FOR VESTRY:**

- (1) SPRIF III: As some SPRIF III donations are in the form of stock certificates, Fr. Christopher requested a motion that he, John McDermott and Laurie Bugatto be authorized to conduct financial affairs on behalf of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, including but not limited to the sale, transfer or other disposition of securities and any interest therein. The motion was seconded by Jae Eitel and unanimously approved.
  
- (2) In order to accommodate the occasional need for the Vestry to vote on an urgent issue by email, Fr. Christopher requested signatures on a consent form that approval of any issue by the Vestry may be made by email consent.

**ISSUES FOR THE COMING YEAR:**

Fr. Christopher anticipates the following issues will be active in the coming year:

- (1) Process of the Courtyard. SPRIF III committee will be reporting to the Vestry on regular basis and many decisions will have to be made during the course of the year.
- (2) Community Building. Various ways to help build community, including integration of our youth, will be explored.

- (3) 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Paul's. Discussions will begin on how to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Paul's.
- (4) New College of Christian Practice. This is anticipated to be an annual event that would be launched in May 2018 in connection with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Paul's. Fr. Christopher is proposing that a decision be made by April 15 as to whether this will be pursued.

**SATURDAY VESTRY RETREAT:** The Saturday Vestry retreat has had the double function of orienting the new Vestry, as well as providing the opportunity to get to know each other. Following a discussion of whether the Vestry wanted to have a retreat this year, it was decided to tentatively schedule a retreat on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

Steve Avanzino requested that Fr. Christopher call Pimentel Paving regarding scheduling the repaving of the parking lot.

Steve Avanzino was thanked for his work on the directory.

Chloe Martin was thanked for the Epistle publication.

**RECTOR'S REPORT:**

Fr. Christopher is getting mostly positive responses to his use of Rite One during Lent.

Fr. Christopher reported on various pastoral issues/health issues.

Steve Avanzino and Janie Burtch discussed the benefits of attending a Cursillo weekend.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. with Compline led by Jay Eitel.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Burtch  
Recording Secretary