

**MINUTES
ST. PAUL'S VESTRY MEETING
May 12, 2015**

PRESENT: The Rev. Christopher Martin, Senior Warden Judy Rowcliffe, Vladimir Sovyak, Steve Avanzino, Al Petrie, Kay Blackwill, Jae Eitel, Doug Sprague, Joan Adams

ABSENT: Eric Guastavino, Meg Gorman

The meeting, at which a quorum was established, was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

AGENDA: The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

SPRIF III:

Jay Luther reported that SPRIF III is on track, with the pledges of \$99,185 and cash on hand of \$71,955. The initial \$50,000 goal has been met. An effort to simplify the pledging process was suggested, including pledge cards in the collection plate and dedicated SPRIF III pledge cards. It was also decided that it is best to set a firm date for the groundbreaking, and April 1, 2016 was put forward as the best fit and timing. Jay finished by stating the committee is working on a letter church attendees can use to send to "Friends of St. Paul's" who might be interesting donating, and that the campaign will be low key through the summer. Final suggestions were made to add updates to the Facebook page, possibly biweekly.

Hugh Hardin:

Christopher discussed plans for Hugh's funeral on Sat, May 30 at 11:00, and gave some history of Hugh's role and influence with the church -- including starting SPRIF I and II. Christopher also suggested that a plaque for Hugh be commissioned and placed above the alter with the other two plaques. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Pastoral Care:

Christopher touched on the status of several church members:

1. Marian Cedarblade's funeral will be Saturday May 16 at 10:00. Marian was a Diocesan representative in the 1980s and 90s, as well as running a newsletter with bios and profiles for the Diocese.
2. Bobbie Hanley is home.
3. Rainey Joses has colon cancer

Discussion also continued about increasing outreach to other members of the community who are less able to make it to St. Paul's.

Update on the Church of the Nativity:

Christopher shared some updates on Nativity as they continue their transition. They are sending 2 members to the Teen Success breakfast, and Christopher suggested that St. Paul's send 2 people to their pastoral care training. This would be both to show support and to learn from one of Nativity's areas of strength. Jae Eitel agreed to attend, with Jeanette Santucci as another suggestion.

Campus updates:

Alarm System Update: Steve Avanzino updated us on the status of the church alarm system. About 1 year ago we were subject to an inspection by the fire marshall and we were cited for 30 violations that needed fixing, with the alarm system being the biggest culprit. It was explained that each building need to be part of the alarm system. 3 quotes were obtained, with Bay Alarm being the best option. The fire marshall was contacted again and he agreed to grandfather the church in on the condition that the main panel be upgraded to activate the alarm and notify the fire department. This wouldn't be a longterm fix, but it would bring the church into compliance for under \$6,000. Steve and Christopher recommended using Bay Alarm to install the box even though it isn't expandable and would need to be replaced if we upgrade the system itself. Since the cost of this option is significantly greater than just upgrading the panel, and since the church is not considering major remodels that would remove the grandfathered status, it was moved by Jae, seconded by Kay, to approve up to \$6,000 to upgrade the main panel. The motion passed unanimously.

Plumbing in school: Christopher will follow-up with Ongaro & Sons to come out and remove the wall heater left in the school, and sheetrock the hole. This is part of the contract we have with them that still needs to be completed, no new money is involved.

RECTOR'S REPORT:

Christopher discussed ideas for the fall Spiritual Core classes, including adding a 4th class on the subject of Jesus in friendship with the poor. He also is hoping to incorporate other speakers to utilize their gifts and bring different voices into the conversation. Following the fall classes Christopher is hoping to start a yearly college of Christian practice that build out the fall classes and the Restoration Project and share it with a larger audience. His idea is an 8 week class that would include multiple course options and build around the 7 vows of Discipleship groups. The group discussed logistical issues (marketing, funding, having an admin person, topics, etc.) and also how it fits with the church mission. Christopher is hoping to meet with the Bishop and other appropriate diocesan members to discuss before the June Vestry meeting.

Executive Session:

Executive session was entered at 7:50 pm after Judy moved, Vladimir seconded, and unanimous approval was given. Executive session was ended at 8:37 when Kay moved, Judy seconded, and unanimous approval was given.

Junior Warden:

The committee reviewed options for Junior Warden. Doug Sprague agreed to run and he was named Junior Warden after Judy moved, Kay seconded and unanimous approval was given.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with Compline led by Doug Sprague.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Sprague
Acting Recording Secretary