

MINUTES
ST. PAUL'S VESTRY MEETING
November 20, 2014

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

ABSENT: Junior Warden Vladimir Sovyak, Judy Rowcliffe

The meeting, at which a quorum was established, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Evening Prayer read by Eric Guastavino.

AGENDA: The agenda was approved by unanimous consent, with one addition proposed by Fr. Christopher to go into Executive Session during the meeting to discuss a pastoral matter.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved..

VESTRY MEMBERS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Al Petrie's and Jerry Robinson's terms on the Vestry expire at the end of this year. Potential new Vestry members were proposed and will be called by various current Vestry members to determine their interest.

LOOKING FORWARD:

Christopher advised on the following matters that will occur between now & June 15, 2015:

- Feb. 1, 2015 – Annual Meeting. Also first of dates set as a goal for SPRIF III – that by Feb. 1 we will raise \$100,000. (By Dec. 7 all the infrastructure will be in place as to the various ways that donations can be made. On that Sunday, Dec. 7 there will be group discussions on how to donate, followed by a mailing to go out Tues or Wed of that week with the same message. Maggie Baxter and Fr. Christopher have committed to pay personal visits to selected donors. The status of the SPRIF III campaign will be reported at the annual meeting.
- Feb. 18 – Ash Wednesday – Right after Thanksgiving, Fr. Christopher will begin communicating various ways the congregation can engage in 20 + 1 + 5, Bible studies, prayer and outreach in anticipation of the Lenten season.
- May 20 – First day of Come & See Retreat – Fr. Christopher has verbal agreements from 50 people who have expressed interest in coming, but has payment from only 2. Fr. Christopher advised that if he receives payment from 20 participants by Dec. 20, he will proceed with the retreat. If he does not receive the 20 payments, he will conclude that it will not be the right time to hold the retreat.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Christopher moved, and it was unanimously approved, that the Vestry go into Executive Session with Janie Burtch allowed to be present. From 7:30- 8:06 pm the Vestry went into executive session for discussion of a pastoral matter.

UPDATES/RECTOR'S REPORT

- Fr. Christopher advised that the building projects, in particular MDS are going very smoothly. Work has begun on the bathroom. The roofing work will be done on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving and solar panels will be installed on the Saturdays of December. Still unknown is when PG&E will be coming to enable us to turn on the heating system.
- Vanguard deep cleaning has begun and they are very attentive.
- Thanks to Judy and Keira, the kitchen purge went very well. The organizer will return on Dec. 6 to organize the Harry Potter closet and other locations where cleaning supplies are located.
- We are close to hiring Vonn, who is an independent handyman.
- Lighting – a few issues remain in the church
- Stewardship – 55 pledges have been received. Another 25-35 are expected.
- Jim and Janet Ward have now done 3 services. Further discussion will occur in December.
- Before leaving for his move to England, Tom Swindler provided a SPRIF III donation as well as funds for purchase of a plaque on the memorial wall. Attention will be given to organizing the memorial files.
- The long history of St. Paul's continues to be explored, especially in connection with the 150th anniversary of St. Paul's.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steve Avanzino moved that a formal vote be taken in view of the changes regarding the solar panels. Jerry Robinson proposed a motion, seconded by Kay Blackwill, that replacement of the roof be done for the adjusted cost of \$13,800 by Raindance Roofing. The reason for the increase in cost is that there is an additional layer of old roofing that needs to be removed. This work was previously approved by telephone and/or email. Following a discussion of the matter, the motion was approved with one dissenting vote. It was also suggested that in the future we make it a strict practice to obtain three bids for any type of large job such as this. Fr. Christopher confirmed that it is Vestry policy to have at least 2 bids for any project costing in excess of \$1,000. It was also agreed that future major decisions will be allowed time for discussion and careful consideration before taken to a vote.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m. with Compline led by Keira Vicente.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Burtch
Recording Secretary