

MINUTES
ST. PAUL'S VESTRY MEETING
October 13, 2015

PRESENT: The Rev. Christopher Martin, Junior Warden Doug Sprague, Joan Adams, Jae Eitel, Eric Guastavino

ABSENT: Senior Warden Judy Rowcliffe, Kay Blackwill, Meg Gorman, Steve Avanzino

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

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 18 and September 8, 2015 meetings were unanimously approved.

AGENDA: The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

SPRIF III: Fr. Christopher happily announced that the SPRIF III account is now up to \$146,000.

STEWARDSHIP: The stewardship campaign is anticipated to be in the same format as in previous years. Fr. Christopher intends to send a stewardship letter that will include updates on SPRIF III and the importance of passing on the church's legacy, creation of a children's choir, and how St. Paul's differentiates from other churches with its discipleship groups and outreach projects. Christopher will be distributing a draft of the letter to the Vestry members for their comments. He hopes to send the letter out within a week and launch the stewardship campaign on Sunday, October 25. Various Vestry members agreed to make a presentation to promote stewardship at each of the Sundays of October 25, November 1 and November 8.

CAMPUS ISSUES: ALARM, COURTYARD, SAFETY: Fr. Christopher advised that we now have a whole new alarm system. Bay Alarm previously installed the fire alarm at the school, and has now installed our fire alarm as well as burglar alarms for the upstairs and sacristy. This was an additional \$1,500 expense. The downstairs "dungeon" will be cleaned out on November 7. Feedback on the new sound system has been mostly positive, with a few exceptions, and we will be moving forward with plans for installing the new system. Parking on Sunday has become more difficult due to St. Raphael's parishioners parking in our lot. Erik volunteered to monitor the lot for the next month to make sure those who are parking are attending St. Paul's services.

STRENGTHEN CORE/NEW COLLEGE: Fr. Christopher expressed disappointment that no one from other congregations has attended his recent Strengthen Your Spiritual Core sessions. However, the experiences have been very rich for members of St. Paul's who have attended and for Fr. Christopher. Fr. Christopher has asked to convene a focus group with a dozen of his colleagues to meet on Jan. 21 for a 3-hour meeting with the Canon to the Ordinary to discuss what would encourage other congregations to participate and why those who participated last year did not return this year. Because no one attended from other churches, Fr. Christopher is going to postpone the fall New College, and he hopes to revive it in spring 2017.

PEOPLE CARE – COFFEE HOUR: Fr. Christopher is changing his ritual on Sunday morning in that he will be coming directly to the coffee hour after the 10:00 service. His focus will be to welcome newcomers and be present for the people.

RECTOR’S REPORT:

Fr. Christopher reported on various pastoral issues.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. with Compline led by Erik Guastavino.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Burtch
Recording Secretary