St. Paul's Episcopal Church September 23, 2015, Vestry Meeting Minutes Highlights

Treasurer Carolyn Twisdale reported that we are currently slightly below budget. Operating expenses are below budget. The Preschool has a surplus at present. Our audit was completed and submitted to the diocese by the deadline with no exceptions.

The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser, Rector, introduced Erin and Scott Adams who will lead the Annual Giving Campaign this year. This year's theme is "One Body, Many Blessed."

Diocesan Convention delegates are Charles Corpening and Carolyn Twisdale. Alternates are Leigh Smith, Ruth Prongay, Bill Ball and Janice Bennett.

The By Laws Committee continues to work toward updating our by-laws.

The Rev. Lauren A. Villemuer-Drenth, our new children's minister, has reorganized and outlined upcoming events for the ministry. She is holding several services each week with the Preschool and is planning many new and exciting events with the children.

Annette Lynch reported for the Planned Giving Committee.

Jonathan Blanco reported that the Preschool Discovery Group has analyzed surveys and financial information.

Mary Lou Wilson announced that the ECW Bazaar will again be chaired by Emily Shute this year on November 18. Several new ideas are being initiated and some key positions are still unfilled.

Dixon reported that the diocese requires Safe Church Training for all staff and volunteers working with children or visiting on behalf of the church.

The Vestry unanimously approved the motion that up to \$1,500 from the Vestry designated fund be used for this training.

Dixon also reported that he has been contacted by Kanuga requesting a \$5,000 grant to complete renovations to the St. Paul's/Colhoun Gymnasium and Michal Patio. The Vestry approved the request and also accepted a donation of a 2006 Ford Escape from the Butler family.

The church will purchase two defibrillators.

The Vestry approved a proposal for upgrading the sound system in the chapel and Colhoun Room.

The replacement of all light bulbs with LED bulbs for the education building was also approved. This will save the church \$14,000 a year.