St. Paul's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Minutes Highlights

The following are highlights of the July 9, 2018, Vestry meeting minutes.

Financial Report

Parish Administrator Tom McDowell reported that YTD financials as of June continue to be favorable to the budget. Pledge income is slightly above budget and non-pledge income is slightly below.

Rector's Report

The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser reported that a joint meeting of the Vestry with the Buildings and Grounds Committee will be held July 23 to review the studies conducted on the 1928 building.

Dixon also reported that the Security Committee, chaired by Kay Morgan, has met and is currently researching various aspects of our security needs.

A new part-time sexton, J.R. Acevedo, starts next week. He will eliminate the need for the Sunday security guard and will support the facilities team.

Dixon stated the church is now receiving applications for the restructured music position. Already, a strong pool of applicants has responded.

Senior Warden's Report

Allan Burrows reported that capital campaign leadership has begun to enlist volunteers. A preliminary goal was approved, to be further refined as the facilities studies are completed. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

To strengthen overall stewardship and endowment policies, Allan distributed a draft of a revised stewardship policy concerning bequests and related estate gifts. With consultation from the Winston-Salem Foundation, this document outlines the policies for distribution of received unrestricted bequests and estate gifts to St Paul's. After much discussion and discernment, the motion to accept the policy was made, seconded and voted for unanimously.

New Business

Tom McDowell reported that there are currently four permanently restricted funds held by the church for specific purposes. With the new policies approved, Tom recommended that these funds be transferred to the Winston-Salem Foundation for management. After some discussion and further explanation, the motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.