

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Minutes Highlights

The following are highlights of the January 23, 2019 Vestry meeting minutes.

Financial Report

Parish Administrator Tom McDowell compared actual 2018 budget numbers to the 2019 projected budget. He answered questions posed by the Vestry, including noting that expenses for the new 875 Building have been included in the 2019 budget. He reviewed the tax status of the 875 Building and explained that while it currently is subject to property tax, once its use is requalified as non-profit, property taxes will cease.

The 2019 budget was approved by the Vestry.

Stewardship Campaign

The 2018 Stewardship Campaign was \$44,000 under goal; however, money committed was the largest ever raised by St. Paul's. The Vestry hopes late pledges will continue to be received. St. Paul's distributed 1,000 pledge packets, received pledges from 557 families with an average pledge of \$3,800.00.

The Vestry noted new Director of Stewardship Margaret Turner has been a huge asset to our parish.

Rector's Report

The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser requested the Vestry approve two ordination applications for members of our parish. These were for Katarina Holmgren, a member of St. Paul's and student at Wake Forest University School of Divinity, and Louise Patrick Mua, a St. Paul's member and college student who is answering his call to ministry. Both are proceeding through the ordination process for priesthood and both were approved.

Dixon reported the Director of Communications position is still open. Dixon and his team are looking forward to a new round of applicants.

Dixon reported the Vestry elections process will stay the same for the 2019 Vestry election. He and the Vestry decided to keep the discussion open regarding the suggested change, while exploring ways to encourage more congregational participation in the Vestry election slate.

Senior Warden's Report

ReNEWal Campaign Chairs David and Charlotte Broughton will update the congregation at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 3. As of January 23, 2019, \$6.7 million has been raised.

Joe Opperman is working with our contractors to find the best solutions to solve unexpected asbestos issues. These will add more time and money to the nave project.

Work on the 875 Building will begin in mid-February. Scaffolding around the church will go up in March. Worship may be moved temporarily to Colhoun, as the organ will need to be covered and sealed to protect it from the dust during construction.

A new clock and shipping for alterations for the new riddle curtain were requested by Ecclesiastical Arts. Combined projects total \$1,100 and were approved by the Vestry.

Other Business

Susan Kelley will replace Dee Ann Robbs as Vestry Secretary and the new church Treasurer is Carter Smith.