

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes Highlights

The following are highlights of the January 31, 2018, Vestry meeting minutes.

Buildings and Grounds Report

Joe Opperman, member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, presented an overview of the historic nave and the long-term, ongoing concern about water-related issues, especially around the roofing, flashing and windows. A recommendation was made by the committee to contract for a joint venture by two firms that have extensive experience in historic facilities to come and do a full analysis of the nave's exterior and present a plan of action to rectify issues. The Vestry approved the recommendation.

Finance Report

Carol Davis, Treasurer, reported that based on our 2017 Year End Financial Summary, pledge payments were 2% above budgeted pledge revenue. Operating expenses were 5% higher than budgeted, resulting in an operations shortfall of \$36K.

The Finance Committee recommended the 2018 budget to the Vestry. Janice Bennett made a motion that the Budget presented by the Finance Committee for 2018 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Brian Patterson and was approved by the Vestry.

Carol Davis will be stepping down as Treasurer and will be replaced by Taylor Adams. The Vestry thanked Carol for the excellent job she has done as Treasurer.

Rector's Report

The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser, Rector, reported that the church has hired its new Director of Stewardship, Margaret Turner, through a thorough search process. He also reported hiring the new interim, part-time Director of Outreach Ministries, the Rev. Nancy Vaders.

The Vestry retreat will be the weekend of February 9 at the Valle Crucis Conference Center. The annual meeting will be held Sunday, February 04, 2018 at 10:00 in the nave.

Associate Rectors' Reports

The Rev. Sara C. Ardrey-Graves reported that the Diocese Committee for Christian Formation, at the request of our Bishop, will be taking the direction of racial harmony and reconciliation. She further reported that confirmation classes have started and all are invited to join the class.

The Rev. Darby O. Everhard reported that Ash Wednesday is February 14 and services will be at 7:30, 12:00 and 6:00. Lots of events are planned for Lent, including Wednesday night dinners, morning prayer and evening prayer (weekday afternoons at 4:30) which will be streamed live on Facebook. There will also be two Choral Evensong services and Compline on Sunday nights.

Wardens' Reports

Senior Warden Sally Engram expressed her thanks to the Vestry for their hard work and support during her tenure.

Junior Warden Allan Burrows offered an update of the proposed capital campaign planning. He handed out a draft outline of currently defined campaign needs that will be refined by the committee. Further vetting of needs, costs refinement and parish wide communications are being planned.

He also reported for the Buildings and Grounds Committee regarding the need for new chillers at St. Paul's, to be discussed at next Vestry meeting.

Liaison Reports

Ted Irvin reported for the Outreach Funding Advisory Committee. He presented a document to the Vestry outlining the committee's recommendations for re-focusing their process. The motion was seconded by Anne Dunn and was approved by the membership.

New Business

There was discussion of the new off-duty police officer. There has been little feedback from parishioners. They will continue run the program monthly to assess how the congregation is feeling about the changes.