

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes Highlights

The following are highlights of the March 21, 2018, Vestry meeting minutes.

Financial Report

Parish Administrator Tom McDowell reported that year-to-date pledges and grants were \$18,000 over budget for the first quarter and that operating costs are currently \$7,000 under budget, creating a small surplus.

Rector's Report

The Rev. Dixon Kinser announced that the bishop is coming April 22 for Confirmation. He will be sending the Vestry the bishop's vision, including the topic, "How as a Community can we Dismantle Racism?" Dixon asked for more members to serve on the Security Committee and announced that Liza and Marshall Smith have agreed to serve as chairs of the 2018 Stewardship Committee. He also asked the Vestry to be thinking of where they would spend an additional \$100,000 if we had it in our budget.

Clergy Reports

The Revs. Darby Everhard and Sara Ardrey-Graves reported that Holy Week will be very busy. St. Paul's is offering numerous services and events during this time. A full slate of formation classes has been planned through May. The Parish Weekend at Kanuga will be May 4-6.

Wardens' Reports

Senior Warden Allan Burrows announced that Vestry member Bill Orr is working on a project that will make our financial reports easier for our members to understand. He also reported on the capital campaign. Writing the case statement, finding campaign leadership and formulating a campaign gift acceptance policy are underway. Mary Walker Fry has been hired to produce our campaign marketing materials. Tom McDowell will conduct a Vestry tour of the 875 West Fifth Street building before the next meeting.

Junior Warden Tom Connors reported he has been meeting with the Buildings and Grounds Committee and church staff to learn about current and near future physical plant projects. It was mentioned that six out of seven days a week, the Goodheart Entrance serves as the main entrance of the church.

Vestry Liaisons' Reports

Brian Patterson said that Adult Formation classes are going well. Emily Smith reported that the Preschool is working on a three-year financial plan.

New Business

Janice Bennett brought a proposal from the Ecclesiastical Arts Committee for icon framing, baptismal font preen and a host box set to match the chalice. The motion was approved and seconded. There was also discussion on whether the church should retain the security guard at the Goodheart Entrance on Sunday mornings. No decision was made.