

# **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

## **Vestry Meeting Minutes Highlights**

*The following are highlights of the April 26, 2017, Vestry meeting minutes.*

First quarter results are on budget with pledge revenue slightly higher than budgeted.

The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser, Rector, reported that a steering committee has been appointed to spearhead the 875 West Fifth Street building needs and renovation plans and submit recommendations to the Vestry for approval. The current Upfit Committee will merge with the steering committee.

Dixon reported that St. Paul's by the Sea in Tamarindo, Costa Rica, has suspended operations. The Costa Rican diocese may restart the church plant, but St. Paul's will offer no further financial support. The Vestry will consider how best to use the remaining St. Paul's by the Sea funds.

Dixon also reported that a committee of members from Vestry, Finance and Planned Giving has been formed to better understand and report on the various St. Paul's funds and endowments. Recent bequests have prompted this more comprehensive review.

Lastly, given the needs of the 875 building, the nave and education building, the larger campus and growing ministries, a committee has been formed to consider a major campaign initiative for St. Paul's. Plans are for the committee to meet monthly and give the Vestry its recommendations sometime this fall.

The Rev. Sara C. Ardrey-Graves, Associate Rector, reported that 21 youth and 29 adults will be confirmed on Sunday, April 30. She also said that a new class, Episcopal 202, is being planned for the fall, to focus on new adult confirmands and include the history of St Paul's and ways to get involved.

The annual Parish Weekend at Kanuga, May 5-7, now has more than 80 participants registered, including a group of young adults. Some Christian formation will be offered. The theme this year is "Joy."

The Rev. Darby O. Everhard, Associate Rector, is glad to be back from her sabbatical and reports that it was a wonderful experience.

Senior Warden Sally Engram reported new additions to the Finance Committee. She also reported on how the Vestry of the Day can better coordinate with security officers during Sunday services. In addition, given the recent medical incident during a Sunday service, the

Vestry reviewed policies and the location of defibrillators. In addition, the parish's medical handbook is being updated.

Junior Warden Allan Burrows reported that new flooring in a damaged portion of the first floor education building was installed during Holy Week. In addition, safety tape is being applied to various steps for improved visibility, and a portion of the fence surrounding the playground has also been replaced. Bids are coming in for preliminary work on the 875 building, as well as proposed guttering systems for the main church building. Lastly, the Vestry approved replacing loose iron railing in the playground area.

The communications liaison reported that the Communications Committee is working on a crisis communications plan. ECW's United Thank Offering spring ingathering is Sunday, May 7.

Parish Administrator Tom McDowell reported that the parish pictorial directory is at the printer.

A refugee mission trip to Greece is being planned and promoted for July 19-28.