

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
May 27, 2015, Vestry Meeting Minutes Highlights

Tom McDowell reported that pledges and grants are coming in quickly and we are ahead of budget at this point by approximately \$20,000. Expenses are about half of what was budgeted and we have reason to be cautiously optimistic.

Rector Dixon Kinser reported that Erin and Scott Adams have agreed to head the 2015 Annual Giving Campaign.

Our new Children's Minister, the Rev. Lauren A. Villemuer-Drenth has been hired. She is also a Deacon. Her first day is July 1.

The clergy team is currently deciding how to structure the position Tom Murray's departure has created and Dixon is working on a job description. He asks for prayers that God will bring the person we need to fill the empty position.

Robin Fulk is the interim preschool director.

Darby Everhard reported that Mike Bradshaw, Lauren Villemuer-Drenth and Fred Horton will help with some pastoral duties this summer.

Senior Warden Morris Friedman expressed concerns and asked for input on ways to encourage volunteerism. Of note is the difficulty getting ushers each week and the upcoming Habitat Build Day (7/25). Discussion followed.

The Vestry voted to approve the purchase (up to \$65,000) of a 14-passenger Thomas Built bus using funds from a recent gift.

A gift will pay for a new sound system in the nave. Leftover funds will be held to maintain the system. Improvements to the chapel and Colhoun room sound systems have also been priced and will be voted upon when we have the funds to cover the projects. Joe Davidson will do this work.

The Preschool Discovery Group is continuing its work by compiling the results of its survey of current parents. Another survey is planned for parish families with children who do not attend St Paul's Preschool with the results being used to aid in self-reflection in advance of hiring a new director in 2016.

The Planned Giving Committee will host an event on Wednesday, November 4 to honor members of the 1876 Society.

The diocese's ECW has started a project to celebrate its bicentennial. The project will honor the women of the ECW by compiling the stories of these women and their work in the church. They are requesting that parishioners send in biographies of these women for publication.

The church has a signed contract to sell the Country Club Road house.

The Vestry approved The Outreach Funding Committee proposal to allocate \$91,344. to nine local agencies and outreach projects.