

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

## **Vestry Meeting Minutes Highlights**

*The following are highlights of the August 23, 2017, Vestry meeting minutes.*

**Budget Report:** YTD financial results through July 2017 continue to be favorable, relative to the 2017 budget; the church is in a good financial position. Year-to-date pledge revenue is ahead of budget by \$34,000.

**Rector's Report:** The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser reported that preliminary architectural plans for the 875 building have been drafted by Larry Robbs. Further program usage and design refinements continue.

The Rev. Kinser reported that a staff retreat was held on August 22 and well-received and enjoyed by the parish staff and clergy.

The Rev. Kinser also report on a recent gathering of rectors from similar sized Episcopal churches across the state to initiate a better communication and peer support.

The Rev. Darby O. Everhard reported that St. Paul's healing prayer team will offer training in healing for parishioners interested in this ministry, with curriculum provided by The Order of St. Luke. The Vestry encouraged greater communication about healing prayers and their use in the Eucharist.

The Rev. Sara C. Audrey-Graves circulated a new bulletin on the upcoming faith formation series. She is also initiating new small groups as Foyer groups begin their fall gatherings.

**Wardens' Reports:** Senior Warden Sally Ingram gave a stewardship update: The theme this year is "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." Brad and Laura Ross are serving as stewardship chairs. Marshall and Liza Smith are spearheading the Ministry Fair, slated for Sunday, September 17. Todd Davis has created a video on stewardship. Dagmar Cosby has created a campaign update display designed as a stained glass window and will be located in the narthex.

Allan Burrows, Junior Warden, submitted a list of repairs that Rick Duggins has completed since his hiring, saving the church a lot of money and reducing future repair costs. He reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met and has submitted for Vestry approval the landscape plans to renovate and update the Nancy Pixley Wilson Garden. The Vestry approved the plans. Also, the Buildings and Grounds Committee is still researching and estimated overall costs and plans to update gutter system and related work around several buildings on the parish campus.

**Liaison Reports:** Brian Patterson reported that the Men's Ministry is set to begin breakfast once again starting September 10. Mike Ryan reported from the Investment Committee that church returns on investment year-to-date are 7.8%. Anne Dunn reported in ECW business that St. Margaret's Circle will chair the Bazaar this fall, scheduled for Wednesday, November 8.

**New Business:** The Rev. Kinser brought the new baptismal font to be located in the chapel and mentioned the stand was made out of the last of the magnolia tree that has been held since construction of the education wing. He mentioned additional work done on an umbrella stand in the narthex and the flower pot stands and requested Vestry approval of funds from the Ecclesiastical budget to cover these expenses as well as a wooden bookstand for the chapel. The Vestry voted and approved expenditures.