

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes Highlights

The following are highlights of the September 26, 2018, Vestry meeting minutes.

Financial Report

Parish Administrator Tom McDowell gave the financial report. As of August 31, 2018, pledge income is higher than budgeted and non-pledge income is slightly below budget. The year-to-date operating deficit of \$29,000 equals the cost of the third pay period in August. We are operating within 1% of budget for the first eight months of the year.

Stewardship Report

Director of Stewardship Margaret Turner reported that through September 25, our stewardship campaign is at 47% of goal, totaling \$268,762 from 182 pledging units, with an average increase of 10% from last year's pledges. She hopes all pledges will be in by Sunday, October 14, when the parish will celebrate the campaign at a picnic.

Rector's Report

The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser reported that the job description for the Director of Communications position has been completed and advertised. Ten applications have been received.

The Vestry's "Safe Church" training has been rescheduled for October 28.

The Vestry is studying possible changes in the Vestry nomination and election process that would go into effect in future years.

Clergy Report

The Rev. Darby Everhard, Associate Rector, reported that on October 3, there will be prayers and blessings of animals at the Forsyth Humane Society shelter on Sturmer Park Circle. St. Paul's will host the Diocesan Clergy Conference this year. We will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 4.

The Rev. Sarah Ardrey-Graves, Associate Rector, reported that Christian formation classes are off to a great start. As we begin looking for ways to connect with young parents, a dinner has been scheduled for December 7. Our first "Laundry Love" event has been held. We helped 10 families wash their clothes. Also, Dixon shared that Sara has been appointed by Bishop Sam Rodman to chair the Commission on Ministry for the Diocese.

Junior Warden's Report

Tom Connors reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee is waiting for the final plans and cost estimates for the Dalton Memorial Garden project. The church parking lots will have parking lane stripes painted in the near future. The Security and Safety Committee has been busy preparing a list of projects for Vestry approval, with special attention being paid to the Preschool drop-off and pick-up area.

Senior Warden's Report

Allan Burrows reported that Janice Bennett is Chair of the 2018 Vestry Nomination Committee. The Vestry will receive a report from the Investment Committee next month. Information on the upcoming capital campaign can be found in the current edition of *ParishLife*.

Liaisons' Report

Planned Giving liaison Mike Ryan reported that the 1876 Society meeting will be held on November 29 at Morris and Colleen Friedman's home.

ReadWS liaison Liz Vaughn reported that ReadWS needs additional tutors. There will be a special "Rise and Read" event on April 3.

Senior Adults Ministry liaison Emily Shute reported that there will be a Brunswick Stew sales event by the Senior Adults Committee in November.

New Business

The Vestry approved the list of delegates to the Diocesan Convention.