

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes Highlights

The following are highlights of the September 27, 2017, Vestry meeting minutes.

Budget Report: For the first time this year, Treasurer Carol Davis and Parish Administrator Tom McDowell reported that YTD (for the month ending August 31) financial results are unfavorable to the 2017 budget. August continued the trend that began in July, with soft pledge revenue and higher expenses than budgeted. Quarterly statements will be mailed soon to encourage parishioners to honor their pledges.

Stewardship Update: Chairs Brad and Laura Ross were present to give the update. As of mid-September, 141 pledges have been received totaling \$553,000. The average pledge is \$3,900. The Rosses also reported:

- Liza and Marshall Smith will chair next year's campaign.
- The kick-off this year was a well-received ministry fair.
- There will be special speakers about St. Paul's outreach for the next three Sundays.
- The campaign will conclude with a Celebration Sunday picnic on October 15 at the Bennett's river house.

The Vestry and clergy offered their gratitude to Brad and Laura for their leadership.

Rector's Report: The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser circulated a schematic design of the 875 West Fifth Street building, which has been developed through space planning meetings. He reported that a committee will now move forward with planning for the renovation.

The Vestry retreat will be February 9-10, 2018.

The March meeting will be moved to March 21, 2018, due to Holy Week conflicts.

Our Campaign Video has had 747 views and the Welcome to St. Paul's video has had 9,410 views.

Clergy Report: The Rev. Sara C. Ardrey-Graves reported that the Blessing of the Animals will be at 4:00 on Sunday, October 1. She also shared that the Christian Education year is off to a good start and the Young Adults ministry is growing.

Wardens' Reports: Sally Engram, Senior Warden, thanked the Vestry for their help during the parish fair. She reminded the members of their obligations at the Celebration Sunday event and their Vestry of the Day duties. She asked members to send nominations for Vestry members to Anne Dunn by November 5.

Allan Burrows, Junior Warden, shared that a request has been made to the church from a local nonprofit to purchase of the old bus. The request is currently being investigated.

Liaison Reports: Liz Vaughn gave an update on ReadWS via email:

- A new marketing and development director has been hired through a grant from The Winston-Salem Foundation.
- They have a new corp. member from the Abraham Project of St Timothy's.
- They are exploring the option of having a friendraiser/fundraiser in 2019.
- 26 people signed up for the tutoring training in October and 11 signed up for the January 2018 training.
- They trained 58 educators in Orton-Gillingham this summer and 6 Reading Parties are scheduled between now and the end of the year.

Emily Shute reported for the Senior Adult Committee that they are getting ready to serve their annual dinner on October 9 at the Center for Hope.