

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes Highlights

The following are highlights of the October 25, 2017, Vestry meeting minutes.

Finance and Stewardship:

Richard Rogers, Chair of St. Paul's Investment Committee, reported to the Vestry on current investment funds, initiated five years ago. Investment funds are currently up 10.5% for the year and have realized a five-year average of 8% return.

Carol Davis, Treasurer, reported that year-to-date total net loss from operations, non-operations and pass-through represents \$110,586 unfavorable to annual budget. This is an improvement over August figures due to improved receipt of pledge payments.

Parish Administrator Tom McDowell, reporting for the Finance Committee, recommended that the church checking account be moved from Wells Fargo to Pinnacle Bank beginning January 2018, resulting in a cost savings of \$500 monthly. Church credit cards will continue to be through BB&T. The Vestry approved the recommendation unanimously.

Brad and Laura Ross, stewardship chairs, updated the Vestry on the current stewardship campaign. At the time of the report, the parish was \$253,875 shy of its \$2.1 million goal, with 448 pledges in. Vestry members were assigned and asked to contact parishioners who have yet to pledge.

Rectors' Reports:

The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser, Rector, reported that Page's Playground was formally dedicated earlier in the day with family and friends of the Hill family.

Dixon circulated a revised and updated schematic design of the 875 West Fifth Street building and reported that the 875 Building Committee, chaired by Jonathan Smith, will oversee the renovation project.

Dixon also reported that the Stewardship Director position is currently posted and a Search Committee comprised of Allan Burrows, Tom Connors, Annette Lynch and possibly others will oversee the search and screen candidates.

The Rev. Darby O. Everhard, Associate Rector, reminded everyone that All Saints' Day is Sunday, November 5, and that Stephen Ministers have sent invitations to the service to families who have lost a loved one during the past year.

The Rev. Sara C. Ardrey-Graves reported that the Thursday evening young adults' Bible study is off to a successful start and that there are many newcomers to the church. Also, she has been called and will serve on the Diocesan Christian Formation Committee.

Wardens Reports:

Sally Engram, Senior Warden, reminded the Vestry that Vestry nominations are due to Anne Dunn by November 5. Also, the Engrams will host the annual Vestry-clergy Christmas party at their home on December 10.

Allan Burrows, Junior Warden, reporting for the Building & Grounds Committee, recommended lighting improvements in the nave, using fiber optics which are brighter and more energy efficient. The Vestry approved the motion and the allocation of \$4,000 from the Williams Fund to pay for the renovation.

Allan also reported that an engineering firm has been selected to conduct a survey of the 875 Building. A recommendation and approval of \$2,600 to pay for the survey was made by the Vestry, with funds coming from previously-allocated monies for the building.

Liaison Reports:

Emily Smith reported that the Preschool has established a fund for the Ingram Scholarship and is formalizing the process for scholarship applications.