

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

## **Vestry Meeting Minutes Highlights**

*The following are highlights of the November 15, 2017, Vestry meeting minutes.*

### **Finance and Stewardship**

Carol Davis, Treasurer, reported that year-to-date total net loss from operations, non-operations and pass-through represents \$152,443 unfavorable to the annual budget, primarily due to delinquent pledge payments and expenses related to the up-fit of the 875 West Fifth Street building.

Parish Administrator Tom McDowell presented the preliminary 2018 budget with adjustments and discussions set for the December Vestry meeting. Tom also reported on various projects approved for funding by the Memorial Committee and its designated fund. The Vestry approved expenditures totaling \$20,000.

Brad and Laura Ross, stewardship chairs, reported the stewardship campaign has exceeded its \$2.1 million goal. A total of 528 pledgers have committed \$2.104 million.

### **Rectors' Reports**

The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser, Rector, reported that parishioner Todd Davis is working *pro bono* to live-stream various services and is currently experimenting with various devices. Dixon also reported that the 875 Building Committee has approved an engineering firm to conduct an assessment of the building prior to major renovations.

A volunteer committee has been established to help Dixon search for a full-time stewardship director. The outreach position will be part-time and filled on an interim basis as needed.

Lastly, Dixon reported of his travels to England to attend the annual meeting of the Compass Rose Society and meet with Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Rev. Darby O. Everhard, Associate Rector, reported that the Diocesan Convention is this weekend. She reported that the All Saints' Day Evensong was very well received and more than 300 people attended. Darby also reported on various upcoming services for Thanksgiving and the Advent Season.

The Rev. Sara C. Ardrey-Graves, Associate Rector, reported that formation classes are going well. There will also be a night of contemplative prayer practice on December 6.

### **Wardens' Reports**

Sally Ingram, Senior Warden, reported that the Vestry slate is nearly completed. Also, the Ingrams will host the annual Vestry-clergy Christmas party at their home on December 10.

Allan Burrows, Junior Warden, reporting for the Buildings & Grounds Committee, said that early work on the Wilson garden area is underway. The Committee is reviewing campus security concerns and

protocols. A task force is being formed by Dixon to conduct a security assessment and bring back recommendations to the Vestry in December.

Allan also reported that a Campaign Planning Committee will be meeting to discuss major facility and endowment needs.

### **Liaison Reports**

Janice Bennett reported for the Welcome Committee that there will be a December 3 event for newcomers, new members and visitors in Colhoun B.

Liz Vaughn reported the Young Adults are planning a Christmas party.

Ted Irvin reported for the Youth Ministry that high schoolers are self-teaching on Sunday mornings. The girls' and boys' church basketball teams are currently playing. There will be a "living board game" this weekend and all are invited.

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