

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

## **Vestry Meeting Minutes Highlights**

*The following are highlights of the December 12, 2018, Vestry meeting minutes.*

### **Financial Report**

Parish Administrator Tom McDowell reported that YTD the church is ahead on pledges and significant gifts.

### **Stewardship Report**

Director of Stewardship Margaret Turner reported on the "Share Joy" annual giving campaign, which stands at \$2,140,458 (with a goal of \$2.2 million) from 556 pledging units. A letter has gone out to all new members encouraging them to pledge.

Margaret also reported on the ReNEWal capital campaign. We are more than halfway to our goal, with verbal commitments from 18 parishioners. The town hall meetings were very well-attended and well-received. All packets have been distributed. Janice Bennett recommended that the video shown at the town meetings be added to our website along with bullet points from the presentations.

### **Rector's Report**

The Rev. D. Dixon Kinser reported that the final three candidates for the communications position have been interviewed. One has been invited to a site visit in January and he is hopeful that that person could be in place by late January.

Dixon also reported that Louis Patrick Mua is interested in being ordained. He will be starting Parish Document Certification next month.

### **Vestry Nominating Committee Report**

Janice Bennett shared that the nominating committee has four candidates for Vestry so far and they are calling others on their prospects list now. The slate will be presented in January.

### **New Business**

Tom McDowell reported on the 875 West Fifth Street building. The church met with the Historical Resource Committee of the city last week and the meeting went well. He distributed a list of cost estimates for the renovations which total \$2,480,502.

The church has invited four construction companies—Landmark, Shelco, Blum and Long—to bid on the project. Those bids will be opened next week and a decision will be made as to which company to use. Funds for this project must be authorized by the Vestry. A motion was made by Tom Connors to authorize up to \$2,480,502 for the 875 building renovation. The motion was seconded by Richard Rogers and approved.