

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The regular meeting of the Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church was held September 8, 2013 at 12:00 noon in the Groome Room. In attendance: Father Patrick Peters, Teresa Allen, Joanne Berntheizel, Peggy Donnan, Mary Lynn Geltmacher, Lester Kauffman, Kelly Murphy, Rebecca Murphy, Suzanne Ollar, Senior Warden Peter Ollar, Evelyn Martin, Bev Eucalano.

Absent: Beth Runkle

(Mary Lynn Geltmacher has been appointed to complete the term of David Morath who resigned.)

The meeting opened with prayer by Father Patrick.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 14, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's reports of July and August were accepted as presented.

The offerings during the summer have been very low. The checkbook balance on July 31, 2013 was \$12,130 and on August 31, 2013 was \$5,420. We owe a loan of \$43,217 to the Diocese for heating and air conditioning and a loan of \$12,125 to the Food Bank.

MISSION AND MINISTRY REPORTS

Finance and Investments

The monthly payment of \$1,250 to Fair Share was paid in full in July and August. The Capital Campaign Fund received \$618 for the month of August and was paid to the loan payment of \$636.39. All bills are up to date. The transfer of funds from our account in the Diocesan Investment Program to our account at Wells Fargo Advisors has not yet occurred (See Resolution July 21, 2013). We are requesting a grant from the Diocese for operating expenses. To reduce expenses, we are doing less advertising and we are using the copier as a printer.

Property / Projects / Renovations / Building and Grounds

We will not be changing the locks this year as we did in the past. The water pumps in three air conditioning units needed to be replaced. New lights will be installed in the hallway.

Stewardship

The Legacy Society luncheon is all set for September 14. Plans are underway for the stewardship dinner on Saturday, October 12 at 5:30 P.M. The Stewardship Campaign will begin mid-October.

Inreach and Hospitality

The next event is to provide lunch at the Annual Parish Homecoming and Open House on September 22 following the 9:30 A.M. service.

Nomination

The Vestry nomination is complete. Cle Berntheizel will be the nominee.

Grants

We will seek lists of grant request possibilities from other dioceses.

Marketing and Publicity

Barbara Clark is updating our web site with pictures, videos of parish worship, prayer and social events and Father Patrick's sermons.

Healing Ministry

Beginning September 3, a ten-week Bible Study (*Living Beyond Yourself, Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit*) by Beth Moore is being held Tuesday evenings. Eight people are attending.

Prayer and Worship

Beginning September 7 and 8 at all services, two changes are taking place. Five minutes before the service begins there will be a time of “silent prayer”, starting with the ringing of the sanctuary bell. There will also be a time of silent prayer between the “Let us pray” and the celebrant beginning to pray the Collect of the Day.

Christian Formation

Sunday School started today. Jenny Bair teaches the elementary school level and Erika Sipe teaches the pre-school and first grade level. We are encouraging parish and community children to attend.

Cultural Arts

We are participating in Columbia’s Fourth Friday events with art displays in the church. The one held in August had a theme “Life is a Picnic” and another one in October will have the theme “Everyday Saints”. We are looking for more artists.

Rim Parish Activities

For the Rim Parish youth, on September 20 and 21 there will be a Youth Lock-In held at St. Luke in Mount Joy beginning at 6:00 P.M. with dinner on Friday and ending about 2:00 P.M. on Saturday. All parishes are collecting items for Hurricane Sandy relief in New Jersey. On Saturday, October 12 there will be a Lancaster Convocation Work Day when the teams help those in need in the area with outside work.

OLD BUSINESS

A vote by the vestry was required regarding the status of the Food Bank, authorizing them to become an independent non-profit corporation. There will no change in their day-to-day operation. It will give them an opportunity to request and receive grants. They have their own website. The Food Bank will remain a part of St. Paul’s mission and ministry and will remain in our building for the foreseeable future. (Please see the attached Resolution dated September 8, 2013.)

Motion was made, seconded and following discussion was unanimously approved that we accept this resolution.

RECTOR’S REPORT

The date of the annual Columbia Halloween parade has been changed to Thursday, October 24. We have a food stand at this event.

Columbia’s annual Bridge Bust is scheduled for October 5 – we have a food stand on the bridge. We need volunteer help for set up, staffing the stand and clean up.

Vestry members are reminded to follow the schedule and be available to members who wish to talk with them.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M. following prayer by Father Patrick.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Martin