



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Minutes – February 15, 2017 - 7:00 pm

## **Members Present**

Attendees included: Michelle Wiejaczka (Senior Warden), Carol Toft (Clerk), Sally Berveiler, Jim Lukas (Junior Warden), Judy Robel, Rick Carlstedt, Darrell Rowe, Jeff Zabor, the Rev. Lori Lowe (Rector), and Lisa Strandberg (Administrative Assistant)

The Rector called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with an opening prayer. The Rector welcomed the new Vestry and each member reflected on their passion for the church.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the January meeting were approved as submitted, with the addition of Darrell's name as an attendee.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was reviewed, along with condensed profit/loss and expense reports. Due to some unexpected expenses, the budget was over on a few items. The Finance Committee will meet once a month for the next three months to analyze expenses. They will present a quarterly report to the Vestry. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Michelle presented a motion to move an additional \$5,000 from the endowment fund to the general fund to prevent overdrafts. Jim seconded. Motion passed.

The Finance Committee recommended that signatories on the general checking account at McHenry Savings be updated. Dan Jannotta, Rick Carlstedt, Jim Lukas, and Michelle Wiejaczka will be the new signers. Jim moved to accept the new signers and Jeff seconded. Motion passed. The Rector will sign a memo to the bank.

Sally Berveiler will join the Finance Committee replacing Mike Bell.

## **MINISTRIES**

### ***Outreach***

#### *Personal Care Bags*

We will do this again for a Lenten outreach program. There will be 100 bags to be given out at the next Mobile Food Pantry, which is April 29<sup>th</sup>. Judy will check with Al to see if we have enough bags on hand. Carol will coordinate the bags that come in. St. Mary's and St. Ann's will be invited to participate.

Lori would like to work with Deb on an MFP steering committee with St. Ann's and St. Mary's.

#### *Spiritual Formation*

The Lenten book study will be "Living into God's Dream." The Rector will look into "Creed" as an Easter book study.

## PARISH LIFE

### *Annual Parish Meeting*

The streamlined reports from the Wardens were well received. The Children's Chapel is going well.

### *Shrove Tuesday/Taco Tuesday*

The dinner will be February 28<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn Bell will meet with a group to decide what is needed. Volunteers will meet early to prepare and set up. There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex for attendees. A love offering will be taken up to defray costs.

### *Ash Wednesday*

The Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be at noon and 7:00pm, with music at the later service.

The Informal Spring Meeting will be May 7.

## OPERATIONS

### *The Well*

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Joseph Huemann & Sons were called to the church to repair the well. The water had run out due to the large crowd at a funeral that day. Fuses and a pressure switch were replaced. Due to its age, the well cannot handle a large number of people at any one time. It should function normally with what has been our usual weekly/Sunday use. The repair cost was \$339.51.

Because there are houses on St. Pauls Avenue that are connected to the city water, we can only "rehab" our well, but we cannot replace it with a new one. Tying into city water will cost several thousand dollars. (See memo below.)

### *Options:*

- A. **Connect to the city water.** According to the city, we would have to secure an easement from the neighbors and configure it like our current sewer system. If we are able to use the same meter, the cost would be at LEAST \$4,000 to the city plus an additional cost for a contractor. This includes permits, inspection, and "capital development" fee. If the meter needs to be increased, the cost to replace would be significantly higher. In order to get an exact quote, they would need to know exactly how many water taps and toilets we have. This would be at least \$10,000 plus a contractor.
- B. **Redevelop the old well.** We received an estimate from Joseph Huemann for \$2,087. There is no guarantee that this will improve the GPM of the well.

Jeff, Jim, and Darrell will look into the estimate.

### *Handicap Ramp*

Rick is looking into bids for a possible handrail on the handicap ramp. A member of the Rotary club would like to donate the funds to this project.

### *Betts' Place*

The property is back on the market. There have been seven showings since February 1<sup>st</sup>. The price is \$199,900, which our agent has advised to stay with for now.

## **RECTOR'S REPORT**

The "Expectations of Vestry Members" guidelines were sent out. Sally, Jeff, and Judy need to be installed on Sunday. The Vestry workshop/retreat will be March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon.

The Rector asked to be informed whenever vestry members hear of pastoral concerns.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### *Deborah Lang*

De Lang, our nominee for the Diaconate, is waiting to hear from the Diocese about her status. It was noted that our portion of the expense for her required psychological testing expense (\$1000) was not budgeted. The Diocese has said that we may pay this in any installments.

## **WARDENS' REPORTS**

### *Michelle Wiejaczka*

Discussion ensued concerning the Vestry Person of the Day and the need for more participation from others for Coffee Hour. Perhaps Vestry could sign up for Coffee Hour when they are not VPD.

## **CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. with our closing prayer for St. Paul's.

Recorded by Lisa Strandberg, Administrative Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Toft,  
Clerk of the Vestry