



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Minutes – January 11, 2017 - 7:00 pm

Members Present

Attendees included: Beth Lukas (Senior Warden), Carol Toft (Clerk), Michelle Wiejaczka (Junior Warden), Marilyn Bell, John Patnaude, the Rev. Lori Lowe, and Lisa Strandberg (Administrative Assistant)

Absent: Rick Carlstedt, Sally Berweiler

The Rector called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with an opening prayer and a brief reflection on prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the December meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Reports

The Treasurer's report was reviewed, along with condensed profit/loss and expense reports. John moved to receive the Treasurer's reports. Marilyn seconded. The motion carried.

Second reading of the Proposed Budget

Pledged income is almost up to 2011 and 2012 when there were higher pledges. Six pledges are still out, and a second letter will be sent. Actual 2017 pledges will be reported at the annual meeting. The proposed 2017 budget does not include the Rector's sabbatical, which would necessitate the expense for a supply priest. The Vestry would like better monitoring of the budget by the Finance Committee (FC). The budget should be adjusted as needed, and the Finance Committee should come to the Vestry if there are changes to be made. The Diocesan pledge should be a separate line item in the budget. A motion was made and passed to send the budget back to the FC and recommend it to the Parish with adjustments. The Vestry commended the FC for their hard work.

PARISH LIFE

Annual Parish Meeting -- January 29th

There are signups for covered dishes, clean up, and set up. The Rector will work with Michelle and Beth on the subject for Table Talk. The Wardens will submit streamlined reports. Childcare might be needed. Nominations for new vestry members were discussed. Marilyn Bell, John Patnaude, and the Wardens are the Nominating Committee. Jim Lukas will be nominated as Junior Warden. Judy Robel will be nominated for the Vestry, and there is still one vacancy.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins this year on March 1st. The Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be offered at noon and 7pm. The Bishop has invited the diocese to participate in a Lenten book study of *Living into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America*, by Dr. Catherine Meeks.

OPERATIONS

Betts' Place

The sale is still under negotiation, but moving forward. A plaque with Betts' name was suggested.

Parish Hall upgrades

The ad hoc committee is studying possible recommendations and priorities.

Current use of Parish Hall

Two AA groups, two Cub Scout troops, and M.A.A.K meet here weekly. The Rotary Club of McHenry holds its board meetings here monthly.

MINISTRIES

Outreach

Mobile Food Pantry

The next one will be April 29th. We are aiming for three per year.

Lenten Outreach

Ideas are needed. Do we want to do Food bags or Personal Care bags?

RECTOR'S REPORT

Deb Lang's testing for the Deaconate should be in the budget: (\$500 this year, \$500 next year).

WARDENS' REPORTS

Senior Warden

Beth suggested that we send more publicity to the newspaper to get the word out about St. Paul's. She will coordinate this effort. Coffee hour is in need of more volunteers. She also suggested that St. Paul's plan to participate in the diocesan program known at College of Congregational Development at some point in the future.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with a closing prayer.

Recorded by Lisa Strandberg, Administrative Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Toft,
Clerk of the Vestry