



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

## Members Present

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

Absent: Jim Lukas (Junior Warden)

The Rector called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. with an opening prayer. The Rector and vestry reflected on “Who is my neighbor? How do we get past our differences?”

## Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February meeting were approved as submitted, with the correction of Darrell's name removed as a volunteer to look into the well problem.

## Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was reviewed, along with condensed profit/loss and expense reports. Carol moved to receive the reports. Michelle seconded. Motion passed.

## OPERATIONS

### *The Well*

Jeff reported that since the 1980's the well produces only 7 gallons per minute, which is not adequate for the current usage. The current pump is capable of 10 gallons per minute, which is the bare minimum for our facility. The current structure of the well is likely clogged with deposits which decrease how much water can reach the pump. Cleaning out the well will help the rate of flow but it is unsure as to how long it would last.

Options:

- A. **Connect to the city water.** The estimate from McHenry is \$10,665. This does not include the additional cost of a contractor.
- B. **Redevelop the old well.** We received an estimate from Joseph Huemann for \$2,087. Snelton & Sons presented estimates of \$2,700 and \$3,700, depending on the how much we'd like done.
- C. **Install a new well.** Joseph Huemann gave us an estimate of \$9,077.50. Snelton & Sons gave an approximate estimate of \$8,000. A more detailed estimate will be sent to us if we wish. McHenry Water Well & Pump came out for an estimate and it has not been received yet.

### *Handicap Ramp*

Rick received a bid for a handrail on the handicap ramp for \$2600. He will follow up with Adams Steel for an additional bid. A railing on the brick is a possibility. A member of the Rotary club donated \$1,000 to this project.

### *Betts' Place*

The current asking price is \$199,900. It was suggested to reduce the price by \$10,000-\$20,000. The Endowment Committee will discuss this in April.

### *Parking Lot*

Rick presented three options, with estimated costs:

- Resurface entire parking lot: \$20,000
- Only resurface the worst areas: \$12,000-\$14,000
- Seal coat only: \$5,000

### *Shed*

The shed is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. Cost would be around \$1200. It is needed to store the snow blower and other tools that cannot be stored in the church.

### *Potential Cost Saving Upgrades*

- Automatic lights in both restrooms: Jeff will get the correct sku #'s for Lisa to order. His friend will install them. The length of time for the lights to be on will need to be determined.
- New thermostats: Lisa will call Sherman Mechanical for recommendations. Would this be under our usual maintenance plan?

### *Harms Landscaping*

The mowing and bed maintenance proposal for 2017 was presented. Rick motioned to accept the proposal and Carol seconded. Motion passed.

### *McHenry Chamber of Commerce*

Membership in the chamber for a non-profit is \$130 per year. This would provide good PR and visibility for St. Paul's. Rick made a motion to approve and Sally seconded. Motion passed. Lisa will apply online with the church credit card.

## **MINISTRIES**

### ***Outreach***

#### *Holy Week and Easter*

Palm Sunday will be April 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a service each night at 7:00 p.m. Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> we will share the Easter Vigil at St. Ann's, Woodstock. Jacob Zabor will be baptized on Easter Day. The Rector will contact Marilyn Bell to discuss the Agape Meal and the Festive Easter reception.

#### *Mobile Food Pantry*

There will be 100 bags to be given out at the next Mobile Food Pantry, which is April 29<sup>th</sup>. Carol Toft and Karen Rowe will coordinate the bags that come in. St. Mary's and St. Ann's will be participating as well.

## **PARISH LIFE**

### *Socials*

The Rector would like to have socials for the various St. Paul's guilds (Altar, Flower, etc).

## **RECTOR'S REPORT**

### *Update on Deb Lang's diaconal process*

Deb Lang has been invited to a weekend retreat with the Bishop and the Standing Committee on March 30. The Bishop will decide if she is to become a postulant. She may get an internship at another church.

## **OTHER BUSINESS** *(none)*

## **WARDENS' REPORTS** *(none)*

## **CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with our closing prayer for St. Paul's.

Recorded by Lisa Strandberg, Administrative Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Toft,  
Clerk of the Vestry