ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Minutes – September 13, 2017 - 7:00 pm

Members Present
Attendees included: Michelle Wiejaczka (Senior Warden), Jim Lukas (Junior Warden), Rick Carlstedt, Carol Toft (Clerk), Sally Berveiler, Judy Robel, 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 and Vestry reflected on a saying from Story People, and discussed the meaning of the word *Joy*.

Approval of Minutes
Michelle made a motion to approve the August minutes as submitted. Judy seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report
The Treasurer's report for August was reviewed, along with the condensed profit/loss, expense report. Sally moved to receive the reports. Jeff seconded. The motion passed. The Finance Committee met last night to go over the year's budget. After unexpected utility expenses for Betts' Place earlier in the year, we are currently on track.

MINISTRIES

Stewardship plans for 2017-2018
The Rector is looking at updating the 2018 pledge card. She and Michelle will meet to discuss plans and timing. This is not about a capital campaign; it's about personal giving and one's relationship with God and the church. The suggestion was made to have a few parishioners briefly speak about what St. Paul's means during a service.

Delegates to Diocesan Convention
The convention will be November 17 and 18. We may send as many as three lay delegates. They must be registered by September 30th in order to receive a reduced rate. Bishop Lee will be the keynote speaker on transformational leadership. Deanery delegates will meet in October.

OPERATIONS

Snow Removal
We are waiting on a contract for snow removal for this winter. The Vestry decided that we should again pay a flat monthly fee. Michelle moved to agree to the monthly snow removal contract up to $350. Judy seconded. The motion passed.

Columbarium
Discussion has been tabled for later.

Restroom Lights
Jeff will bring in the new automatic light switches for the restrooms. Arrangements will be made to have them installed.

PARISH LIFE

Fall Parish Meeting
The meeting will be this Sunday, September 17th. Pam Dietmeyer will present a financial summary. Jim Lukas will have a report on the Endowment Fund. The Rector will speak on projects that need to be done at St. Paul's, including the possible use of funds from the sale of Betts' Place. This will give the Vestry input from the parish about what is most important to parishioners. Sally will work with the Rector on activities for children during the meeting.

WARDENS' REPORTS *(none)*

RECTOR'S REPORT

The Rector reported on her monthly activities. A copy will be sent to Vestry members.

Bishop Lee will be here on October 22nd. The Rector and Marilyn Bell will coordinate a special reception to be held after the service. The Bishop expects to meet with the Vestry during his visit.

The Inquirer's Classes are scheduled on the four weeks leading up to the Bishop's visit. The classes will present an overview of the Episcopal Church. The Rector would like the young families in the congregation to attend, and will ask for volunteers to take over the Children's Chapel for those weeks.

During Coffee & Conversation on September 10th, the Enriching Our Worship service was compared to the prayer book version with much discussion about pros and cons. The Rector will combine the best aspects of both services for use at some time in the future.

The Rector brought the Finance Committee guidelines from the Diocese about having an in-house audit. She will recruit three church members to assist (not including the Treasurer or check signers). If conducted before the end of the year, there will be a report presented at the January Annual Meeting.

Sally Berveiler announced that she will not serve the third year of her term on the Vestry. The Vestry has the option to elect a replacement to fulfill the remainder of her term or may choose to wait until the Annual Parish meeting and allow a replacement to be elected. A decision about this will be made at the October Vestry meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

October Vestry Meeting
The October meeting has been changed from Wednesday the 18th to Thursday the 19th.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with our closing prayer for St. Paul's.

Recorded by Lisa Strandberg, Administrative Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Toft, Clerk of the Vestry