

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Vestry Minutes December 21, 2021

Remote via Zoom: Paul Board, Marty Baker, Carol Sachs, Jonathan Ashton, Glenous Favata, Jennifer Elliott, Jaimie Deye, Mark Christophono, Adriana McNally, Michele Alexander, Tom Weeks, Jennifer Hoelzer, and Will Finnegan

Paul opened with prayer at 7:00 PM followed by informal dialogue. The November Vestry Meeting minutes were not presented and will need to be reviewed in January.

I. Rector's Report

A. COVID 19

Paul is being extra careful to prevent exposure before the Christmas services. There is no backup plan if Paul is not available. Vestry is remote via zoom tonight out of an abundance of caution.

B. Christmas

There is a full schedule of events for Christmas this year. There is a Children's Pageant organized by Ana Ashton at 5pm. There will also be a full choir and a harpist at both services. The Sunday after Christmas will feature Lessons & Carols and the Epiphany dinner is scheduled for January 2. The Epiphany dinner will be the first indoor social event at St. Paul's since the pandemic began in early 2020.

There was a Zoom call with clergy around the diocese yesterday. Quite a few clergy seem to be testing positive for the virus, which changes their plans for Christmas. We will be in person and live streamed.

C. Rector's Housing Allowance

The Rector's Housing Allowance is part of the Rector's compensation. The resolution authorizing the housing allowance must be passed each year.

Motion to approve the Rector's Housing Allowance in the amount of \$10,000 was made by Michele Alexander and seconded by Jaimie Deye. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

D. Vestry Calendar

The 2022 calendar of Vestry meetings was presented. The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 11:30am.

II. Senior Warden's Report – Jaimie Deye

A. The Senior Warden mentioned the many activities that occurred in the past month.

- i. Jane Weber held an organ recital at the end of November.
- ii. The Gift to the Christ Child committee distributed gift baskets.
- iii. The Christmas Auction occurred.
- iv. Angel Tree donations were received and disbursed.
- v. Donations were received for La Conexión.

III. Junior Warden's Report - Jennifer Hoelzer

A. The Nominations Committee met during October and November

- i. The committee consists of chairperson Jennifer Hoelzer, Joanie Asendorf, Sue Cohen, Cynthia Beekley, Jonathan Ashton, and Todd Deye.

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- ii. The committee discussed the ideal qualities of a vestry member
 - 1. Flexible
 - 2. Being able to listen to and understand different perspectives
 - 3. Some financial knowledge
 - 4. Being interested in the growth and direction of St. Paul's
 - 5. Ability to be engaged
- iii. Nominations
 - 1. Tom Mercer
 - 2. Deno Music
 - 3. Carter Adams
 - 4. Kelly Trame

Motion to accept the nominations for the Vestry class of 2022 was made by Carol Sachs and Michele Alexander seconded. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Mark Christophono

A meeting was held with Huntington Bank last night (Monday, December 20) regarding the investments. Investment returns are up 12% through the end of November.

- A. Finance Report - not presented
- B. 2022 Budget

Vestry spent some time discussing the 2022 budget in anticipation of approving the final budget in January. The cash position is good, with a projected surplus at the end of the year. Pledges are coming in slowly; we will have a better view of 2022 projected income in January.

Vestry needs to make a decision about the Development Fund that has been used to fund the Rector's pension in the 1950's but will be depleted soon. The Finance committee recommended transferring half of the remaining fund for this year's expenses and leave the remaining to be depleted next year.

Motion to transfer \$15,000 from the Development Fund, as recommended by the Finance Committee, to fund the Clergy pension payment was made by Michele Alexander and Marty Baker seconded. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

Vestry resumed discussion of the Preschool 2022 budget that was postponed from last month. Cristy Seeley had joined the end of the November Vestry meeting and Vestry members had to chance to have their questions answered.

Motion to accept the Elizabeth Wayne Preschool budget as presented in the 2022 preferred column (with raises) was made by Jaimie Deye and Michele Alexander seconded. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- C. Vestry
 - i. Stewardship – Paul Board

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1. The Stewardship Committee needs to contact about 100 families who have yet to submit their pledge.
 - ii. Insurance – No report
 - iii. Human Resources- No report
 - iv. Building and Grounds – No report
 - v. Energy Audit – No report
- D. Formation
- i. Christian Education – No report
 - ii. Inreach
 1. Pastoral Care – No report
 2. Welcome – The Welcome committee is meeting every month. They are sending notes to the homebound, for birthdays, and such. Paul will begin using electronic means, email etc., to communicate birthday wishes starting in January.
 3. Fellowship – No report
 - iii. Outreach - No report
- E. Under One Roof – No report
- V. Other Business – None

Note that the next Vestry meeting date will be Tuesday, January 18, at 7:00 PM via Zoom, and in person.

Motion to adjourn was made by Michele Alexander at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted by _____
Carol A. Sachs, Clerk