

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
November 20th, 2011

Members Present: The Rev. Stacy Walker-Frontjes, Rector; Brad Cripe, Senior Warden; Mike Duffy, Junior Warden; Pat Brown, Treasurer; David Anderson; Jennie Cummings; Gretchen Schlabach.

Members Absent: Frejya Johns (approved)

Guests: Lorraine Langer, Director of Music Ministries

The meeting came to order at 12:13 PM.

The opening prayer was led by Rev. Stacy Walker-Frontjes.

Appreciations:

- To Brad and Rochelle Cripe for the photographs of the children in the basement;
- To the ECW for their purchase of a paging system for the nursery;
- To Rhys Prall and the Buildings and Grounds Committee for all their work on the roof and basement;
- To Rick Johns for his work on the lights of the parish;
- To Gail Piper, Marilyn Cleland, Ellen Anderson, Henry and Eva Leonard, Mike and Kristin Duffy, Brad Cripe, and Revs. Stacy and Rich for their attendance at Diocesan Convention;
- To Bishop Lee, the Diocesan Staff and all the volunteers who made Diocesan Convention possible;
- To Rev. Stacy for her teaching, sermons, Wednesday night programs and adult Sunday school;
- To the anonymous NIU student and member who is generously giving to the food pantry collection;
- To the congregation for the 14 Thanksgiving food baskets, and for Maureen Gerrity and Ellen Anderson for coordinating and delivering the baskets.

A motion was made by Dave Anderson, seconded by Brad Cripe, to approve the minutes of the October 16th meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Senior Warden Report

Gretchen Schlabach has been nominated to fill the remaining term of Rita Anderson. Motion to fill the remainder of Rita Anderson's term with Gretchen Schlabach was made by David Anderson. Seconded by Pat Brown. Motion carried unanimously. Gretchen will serve until the January 2013 Annual Meeting.

Junior Warden Report

Mike Duffy reported that the buildings and grounds committee met on 11/14 to discuss church maintenance and to replace light bulbs. Winterization of outdoor faucets was discussed, as well as the roof leak. Repairs on the roof have been performed and we are waiting to see if they are successful.

Mike Duffy signed the heating and cooling maintenance contract with Breezy's on 11/16. The B&G committee is also looking at replacing some thermostats in the church that are not able to be programmed for weekends.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Brown presented the year-to-date financial information of the parish. 83% of pledged income for the year has been collected. If the trend continues, the parish is on-track to collect its pledged income for the year. An attempt will be made to send a letter to parishioners showing pledges and payments to-date in early December, if possible.

A motion was made by Jennie Cummings to accept the treasurer's report and file it for audit. Dave Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Magnetic Church

Dave Anderson reported no activity for the committee.

Outreach and Mission

Jennie Cummings reported 14 Thanksgiving baskets were provided by the congregation to the food pantry. In addition, the Deacons of the Diocese are campaigning for coats through their "Gift of Warmth" program. Donations from the parish will be provided to local agencies.

Fellowship

The parish's St. Nicholas Party will occur in early December.

Music Ministries

- Thank you to Michael Duffy for his trumpet playing and to the Choir;
- New music will be played for Advent, and a quartet will sing for Christmas Eve;
- The Children's Choir is moving forward;
- The Vestry should consider a license to allow the Director to post podcasts of the music celebrations. The estimated cost is \$50 per year.

Stewardship

Thank you to the children (Nora Duffy and Andrew Cripe) who participated in the procession of the crosses as part of the Stewardship Campaign. Rev. Stacy and the parish staff composed a thank you letter for members who pledged this year.

Rev. Stacy's Report

- An Epiphany event will be held in Rosemont on January 6th. Talk to Rev. Stacy if you would like to go;
- Stephanie Spellers may visit St. Paul's in May for a workshop. Discussion and a reminder about the Lobster Boil followed;
- A third childcare worker, Brittany Altepeter, is now available;
- A January blessing of the basement/undercroft is expected;
- Christian education at all levels is going well;
- Keeping God's People Safe training has had to be rescheduled due to turnover at the Diocesan office. More information is forthcoming;

Old Business

1. The insurance claim for the lightning strike has been closed;
2. The Islamic Society of NIU has decided not to use the parish hall for their prayers.

New Business

Delegates from the Diocesan Convention discussed their experiences. Notations were made of resolutions that will impact our 2012 budget.

The closing prayer was given by Rev. Stacy. Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Duffy. Seconded by Pat Brown. Motion carried unanimously. Adjournment was at 1:30PM.