

MINUTES

St. Paul's Vestry
October 23, 2016

The Vestry meeting opened with a prayer offered by Rev. Stacy. Vestry members then expressed appreciation: for Bill Cummings's management of the ceiling and roof repairs, Rick Johns' willingness to count weekly contributions, the children for their music, Susan for her work on behalf of St. Paul's, and Terry for his assistance with pumpkin decorating.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, with Rick moving approval and Julie seconding.

Treasurer Pat Brown presented her report on expenditures. She noted that to \$90,000 has been taken from the Endowment this year. A discussion of the meaning of various budget line items followed; Pat and others suggested changing the descriptions for some lines to achieve more clarity. Rick moved to accept the treasurer's report; Julie seconded, and the report was accepted and filed.

Pat noted that the church's financial reports are ready for review.

Rick reported on Pet Blessing. A date for the garden bonfire was tentatively set for Saturday, Nov. 12. Rick pointed out the need to set up a nominating committee to identify new candidates for the Vestry. Rev. Stacy mentioned the desirability of including some members who are not currently serving on the Vestry.

Bill Cummings reported on progress with the roof repair, noting that Pinkston-Tadd Co. expects to complete the repairs by late October or early November. He also announced his intention to relinquish, for personal reasons, his post as Junior Warden, effective today, and to decline to serve as Senior Warden next year. Rick thanked him for his service and asked him to continue to oversee the roof repair project.

Rev. Stacy mentioned that Betsy Pool had inquired about having a craft show in the parish hall. It was agreed that Nov. 13 could be a suitable date for the craft show.

Lorraine said that Thursday, Nov. 10, could be the date when, with Brad Smith's help, the sanctuary pews are modified to accommodate wheelchairs.

Reverend Stacy noted that Brian and Tricia Wagner will soon move to Rockford, so the plans for the Advent Retreat must be cancelled or revised.

Rev. Stacy reported that a consultant from the diocese, Courtney Reid, is available to meet with the Vestry on Nov. 29 or 30 for a session on "Fierce Conversation." She

also announced that the Stewardship letters would go out this week and that Vince and Peggy had agreed to speak briefly in church.

The difference between a capital campaign and a major gifts campaign was discussed. Rev. Stacy suggested that a few of St. Paul's "major donors" could be contacted.

Rick and Rev. Stacy opened a conversation about appropriate bathroom signage and encouraged Vestry members to search for signage that would welcome the GLBT community, as well as families.

Rick moved to adjourn the meeting, Julie seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 2:10.

Respectfully,

Mary Lincoln
Secretary *pro tem*