

St Paul's Ivy

Vestry Meeting-October 11, 2011

7:30 PM

Present: The Rev. John Seville (Interim Rector), Bill Achenbach, Vic Dandridge (Treasurer), Heather Dickey, Denise Foster (Junior Warden), Bruce Sullivan (Senior Warden), Carol Vernon, Nicole Betts, Luke Wright, Mary Leavell (Register), Meg Janucik, Paxson MacDonald, David Wood, David Cooke

Youth Representative present: Arthur Halliday is absent

1. Opening Prayer led by John Seville. John notes that vestry meetings are required by the Diocese to also begin with the Lord's prayer
2. September Minutes- Luke corrects description of actions taken in reference to Adult Formation. Paxson notes that she is not replacing Janice Doyle, but that she, Paxson is reformulating the tracking of Caring Committee. Minutes accepted.
3. Rector's Update- John notes that our organist choir director, Alice Layman, will be leaving us in January and a committee is formulating to choose a replacement. John also notes that he has been compiling a notebook regarding the various committees of the church. Purpose is to help orient the new rector to the life of the church once he/she is in place. Important upcoming events include are the Evensong service the first Sunday in November. Also, support this Sunday for the crop walk by contributing in given envelopes when presented
4. Treasurer's Report-Vic Dandridge reports that our expenses and contributions are in a good balance and our investments mirror the progress of the Standard and Poor's 500. But the performance of our holdings is virtually unchanged for the year. We have an auditor who is working on establishing a procedure that will satisfy the diocese as to the keeping of our books
5. Old Business
  - A. Rector Search- Bill Achenbach- Bill reports that the committee has worked to winnow down the applicant group to 13 from of 53. There have been five candidate visits and three others are scheduled. They are making effective use of Skype interviews to achieve face-to-face communication at lower cost. Lots of reference checking. Goal continues to be to select a candidate by the end of the year, but Bill cautions that if the committee feels that more time is required to make the right decision, that time frame might be extended modestly.
  - B. Property Update- Bruce reports that workers have been culling trees and working on lighting and Kirklea is on the agenda to paint and /or reside perhaps in the Spring.
  - C. Stewardship- Bill Achenbach and Erick Greenbaum are co-chairing the annual campaign They have written the first letter to be sent within the week. A second mailing, including pledge cards, will follow in 2-3 weeks. John will preach stewardship on November 13, and Bill and Erik will speak at the two services.
  - D. Report on Vestry Elections for class of 2012-2015- Committee has a list of 8 with 4 in the first slate. Parish meeting is November 20.
6. New Business

- A. Report on Spiritual Growth- Report from Debbie Scott on spiritual growth. Begins with centering prayer, an ancient practice for 5 minutes. Debbie reports that people from the community come to St. Paul's to learn about centering prayer. Also, the Celtic Eucharist has been very well received and adds to the richness and depth of our Spiritual life. Presents several books that the book group has been working with. Notes that Michael Suarez will also be coming to share his spiritual gifts with us On Dec. 3. Debbie reviewed other various initiatives and gatherings that deepen our spiritual life.
  - B. Paxson brings concerns regarding Alice Layman's departure and how to correctly respond to that. Discussion follows.
  - C. Requests for Donations from Area Non-profits (Denise Foster)- we have \$9,000 to donate to local groups. Scholarship fund has about \$25,000 left in it. Paxson suggests that we donate \$1,000 to Bloomfield. No decision taken.
  - D. Business Practices- tabled until November meeting
  - E. Additional Items-Carol Vernon suggests that audio visual needs should be readdressed. Luke moves that we accept Heintz bid on revamping audio system. Carol Vernon seconds. Motion to table from Heather Dickey. Bruce seconds. Motion to table carries. Motion to adjourn passes.
7. Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted- Mary Leavell, register October 14,2011