

Saint Paul's, Ivy

November Vestry November 8, 2011

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- Arthur Halliday

1. Opening Prayer: the Lord's Prayer- led by John Seville
2. October Minutes- David Wood moves we accept. Heather Dickey seconds. Passes unanimously.
3. Rector's update- Review of All Saints Day this past Sunday. Presentation of Carpenters' Kids project well received. Evensong was very, very well attended, music was fantastic and excellent reception. Small group is working to consider replacement of Alice Layman. This group has almost completed job description. Plan is to offer a one year contract to choir director/organist. Worship committee would like 2 individuals to be added as chalice bearers-Pam Edmonds, John Edeleanu . John Seville asked for and received approval. Thanksgiving Service is planned for 10:30. Christmas services same as last year. John also notes death of parishioner Richard Bailey.
4. Treasurer's Report- Vic Dandridge reports that statements have gone out and pledges are \$11,000 over budget year-to-date. Collections are solid and expenses are under control. We are \$24,000 in income over our expenditures at this point in the year. Motion to accept approved.
5. Old Business
 - a. Rector Search Committee Report- Bill Achenbach- There are 9 active candidates. This is a strong and diverse group. Still screening. It has been a very large time commitment. for the search committee. Committee is using Skype as tool for interview. Four visits are coming up in next two weeks. Goal is to try to have just two or three candidates by end of December.
 - b. Property Update- Bruce Sullivan- Bruce reports that painting project is going well. Have paid \$11,500 in invoices. There is still \$6,000 to pay for work done so far. There are other areas- loose railings and retaining wall- that need repair. To repair and reside Kirklea is \$107,000. To repaint is \$88,000. Also, our boiler downstairs has a couple of leaks. To replace boiler downstairs and piping is \$. That sum is in our maintenance reserve.
 - c. Stewardship- Bill Achenbach-annual stewardship letter went out in mid-October. Second mailing with pledge cards sent last week. We are starting to get some back in. Next Sunday is Stewardship Sunday. Bill will speak at early service and co-chair Erik Greenbaum at 10:30.
 - d. Report on Vestry Elections for class of 2012 15- Bruce Sullivan- Slate of four is strong and committee felt positive about new group of four: Donna Tolson, Bob Wilcox, Peggy Williams, and Brant Smith.
 - e. Request for Donations- Denise reports that the two funds from which we are considering dispersing funds are Tower Fund (\$11,000) and Community Outreach Fund (\$2,500). From this money, we have pledged \$4500 to Impact. That leaves \$9,000 to

disburse. Discussion follows that we should examine carefully these funds and how they are being employed before we commit to this. In particular, the Carpenter Kids' group is requesting funds for other needs. Vestry felt we need more information before disbursing the bulk of these funds. Luke proposes that we give something to the Haven as a worthwhile cause. David Wood feels that Impact may not be handling funds well. Motion from Denise is to donate \$500 to Bloomfield and \$1,000 to AIM. This passes. Luke proposes that we give \$750 to the Haven. David Wood seconds. Vote is defeated. Motion is to give \$3,000 to scholarship fund from Meg Janucik . Denise seconds. Motion passes.

- f. Sound System - Mary Welby von Thelen and Tim Tolson have studied this. Committee is in place and has not given us a recommendation yet. Not ready to pick one of the two organizations that have given us quotes. No decision is made.

6. New Business

- a. Audio Archiving Internship- Denise presents Mary Welby von Thelen's idea to offer an internship to a student in our parish to help archive our recordings of sermons, adult forums and choir anthems (request attached), working with Mary W- Mary Welby would supervise the project. Payment would be \$500. Discussion. Motion to approve this –Meg Janucik- Heather seconds-Vote is approved unanimously.

- b. Business Practices- discussion regarding having a policy to secure more than one quote on parish expenditures. Discussion follows regarding multiple bids on work. Projects can be complex. No action taken.

- c. Diocesan Pledge- Decision needs to be made before there is a council in January. We donated 8.9% last year of our income. Luke proposes that we give the identical amount we gave last year. Discussion regarding work of diocese and outreach. Bill Achenbach moves we donate 8.5% of our income as donation to Diocese as a minimum for this year. Second by Bruce. Discussion. Vote passes 11-1.

- d. Parish Meeting Nov. 20. Motion to adjourn.

7. Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Mary H Leavell 11/09/2011