

Minutes of Vestry Meeting of St. Paul's Memorial Church
March 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Senior Warden Darren Ball. Chaplain Anne Cressin led opening devotions.

Present: Darren Ball, Michele Claibourn, Anne Cressin, Peter Dennison, Vickie Gottlob, Paul Legrand, Jeannie Long, Anne Ribble, Bob Saylor, Lloyd Snook, Lynne Weikart.

Absent: Michele Allen

Staff present: Neal Goldsborough, Elaine Thomas, John Reid

Members of Rector Search Committee present: Christie Thomas (chair), Jack Bocock, Nancy Grable, Deborah Healey, Leslie Middleton, Norvene Vest, Daniel Wise.

ACTION

- The minutes of the February meeting were approved.
- The Vestry endorsed Charles Lancaster, with the assistance of Darren Ball and Pat Punch, to lead an appeal for funds for the elevator from the hall to the sanctuary and a hearing loop, including an Adult Forum on April 17.
- The Vestry approved the expenditure of \$500 for support of Katherine Dougherty as a seminarian at Sewanee, to be sent directly to the seminary's financial aid office.

DISCUSSION

- Treasurer Lynne Weikart reported that we have received pledges of \$578,000 toward meeting the 2016 budget of \$590,000. Expenses are low, and we are in better financial shape than at the same time last year. Expenditures for salaries and benefits, our largest budget item, are as expected. We have budgeted \$10,000 for the Search Committee and \$80,000 in a designated fund for maintenance. We received \$142,000 in revenue in December, 2015, as many contributors choose to make a large donation at the end of year, inconvenient as this might be for budgeting purposes. There will be a special appeal in April for \$50,000 to pay for the elevator to the sanctuary and a hearing loop, both of which are urgently needed.
- Christie Thomas, Chair of the Rector Search Committee, presented the Search Committee's completion of the Community Ministry Portfolio, a form from the national church which describes the parish and the position of rector, and which, once approved by the Vestry, is sent to the diocese to be entered into the Transition Ministry database, where it is available for viewing by prospective applicants. There followed a thorough discussion of the contents of the Portfolio, with many suggestions from the Vestry for both substantive and editorial changes. The Finance Committee will have a special meeting to discuss compensation, since we are currently offering a compensation lower than that recommended by the Diocese.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 10:15.

Additional vestry action:

The final version of the Community Ministry Profile prepared by the Rector Search Committee was sent to the Vestry electronically on April 6, 2016. The Vestry unanimously approved the Community Ministry Profile by electronic vote between April 6 and April 9. The CMP was forwarded to the diocesan Office of Transition Ministry on April 11, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie N. Gottlob
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