

Vestry Minutes: October 19, 2011

Members present: Sara Milford, Ellen Hayward, Dale Green, Alan Wilbourn,
Jeremy Pate, Greg Puckett, Shea Widener, Martha McNair,
Christine Klinger

Member absent: Charlie Russell, Terri Chadick, Christy Smith

Staff present: Fr. Grisham, Suzi Freeman

I. Fr. Grisham began the meeting with a prayer.

In the absence of a clerk, Martha McNair agreed to take minutes.

II. Old Business

A. Stewardship Sunday is October 30. Corky Carlisle will speak. A breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Members agreed to serve in three shifts as staff for the breakfast. Early in the week following Suzi will provide members with lists of parishioners to remind about pledging.

B. The cookbook process is progressing; however, the deadline for publication has been extended.

C. The nominating committee will meet on Sunday, October 23, to select sixteen names (from a list of thirty to forty) in order to produce a ballot with eight names.

D. The directory is closer to being available. A process of getting feedback from users is beginning; the vestry will be included in the second, larger test group. A .pdf copy should be available in November, with print copies available in the bookstore in December.

III. New Business

No new business was presented.

IV. The Rector's Report

A. Lowell reported that the Long-Range Planning Committee has looked at very preliminary plans illustrating possibilities for expanding worship, program, and administrative space at St. Paul's. The plans call for razing of the patched-in part of the building which now contains the choir rooms, Sunday School classrooms, and the Youth Center. Also, the bookstore will be moved closer to the office, and the guild hall could become a chapel. The next meeting of the planning committee will occur on Thursday, October 20, at noon. Vestry members are invited to attend.

- B. The parish is saddened by the recent death of Scott O'Leary Kelly, and sympathy is extended to his wife Anne and daughter Meghan.
 - C. The Presiding Bishop has asked Lowell to chair the Prayerbook, Liturgy, and Music Committee of the 2012 General Convention. Bolstered by promises of wise assistance, he has agreed. The committee will address major issues facing the church, including liturgy for blessing gay unions and, in states where marriage is possible, performing marriage ceremonies. There will be other major issues as well. The preliminary work will begin as early as February, with most of the focused work occurring in Indianapolis in July at the General Convention.
- V. There was no report by the Senior Warden.
- VI. The Junior Warden's Report
- A. The Junior Warden reported that the process of adding LED lights is ongoing, primarily waiting for donated items.
- VII. The Administrator's report
- A. Suzi reported that the insurance company has been very helpful about the bookstore theft and has already sent a check.
 - B. The gospel book is missing and presumed stolen. It will have to be replaced.
 - C. Five more cameras will be installed, in order to improve the monitoring of the building.
 - D. A Complaint against Julius Gaudet has been filed on behalf of St. Paul's by attorneys Jack Butt and Connie Clark , whose work is pro bono so far.
 - E. In response to a question from Martha McNair, Suzi reported that the Wednesday night budget for the evening meal is over budget probably because of the lack of oversight. Vestry members Martha McNair, Shea Weidner, and Sara Milford agreed to begin to oversee the collection of the money to see if circumstances will improve. Also, on Sara's suggestion, it was agreed that families may eat for a single price of \$20.00
- VIII. Executive Council Report
- A. Suzi presented Loyd Swope's report. Health insurance costs are increasing. The diocese is revising the personnel and sexual harassment

policies, which will be forthcoming. Although St. Paul's has such policies in place, many parishes do not.

B. Sara announced that there will be a potluck lunch at St. Martin's on the third Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m., prior to Holy Eucharist at 12:30, which is always over by 1:00. There is a brown-bag lunch prior to Holy Eucharist on the other three Thursdays.

IX. The minutes for the September meeting were approved as emailed with one correction—the names of the nominating committee.

The vestry was reminded that the next meeting will occur on Wednesday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Grisham closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha McNair