

St Paul's Vestry Minutes-December 14, 2011

The meeting was opened with prayer by Father Karl at 7pm.

Present: Father Karl; Pat Armstrong, Mark Milne, Wardens; Marl Kelly, Sara McWilliams, Sue Brignull, Clyde Schrader, Merl Smith, Sylvia Kelly, Dave Malsan, Matt Klepeis, Vestry Members; Mary Phillips, Clerk.

In view of the ambitious agenda, Chapter 5 Who Stole My Church was not discussed.

Clergy Report: Based on the average Sunday attendance there has been a 40% increase in church attendance at St Paul's since June. Consecration Sunday was a joyful experience. Amount pledged for 2012 is approximately \$80,000. The letter for next year may need to be re-worked a bit to be more explanatory. The total cost for the event was approximately \$1000. There will be an advertisement in the Columbia Paper and the Register Star for the Christmas Eve service. The Nominating Committee will meet in January. The Diocesan Assessment for 2012 has been revised to \$15,243 and the parish has the opportunity to designate an allocation of 19%. On motion of Mark Kelly with second by Pat Armstrong it was determined that 10% would be allocated to the National Church and 9% for Diocese Missionary Initiatives. A Leadership Conference pertaining to parish growth will be held at the Spiritual Life Center on January 11-12. St Paul's Retreat Day will be held on December 17. Father Karl will be on vacation the week of December 26. Arrangements will be made for taking care of pastoral concerns. The Annual Meeting will be held the first Sunday in February. There will be one service that day at 10am. Attempts will be made to obtain a babysitter for the young children during the meeting and people are welcome to stay for a Super Bowl party after the meeting. Father Karl gave his and Jen's thanks to the vestry for planning such a meaningful Ordination Celebration.

Warden's Report: Thirty-one families/individuals contributed \$1870 toward the ordination with which we were able to purchase vestments, pay for the programs, and give a monetary gift to Father Karl and Jen. A telephone call was received from Beth Strickland asking if St Paul's could give additional monies toward the 2011 assessment (\$1000 had been sent previously). The Treasurer, Sr. Warden, and Rector reviewed the financial situation and feel that sending an additional \$1000 could be accomplished. A discussion ensued indicating that we needed to be thoughtful in the handling of our finances. There needs to be a balance between pushing ourselves financially and not being responsible. A motion by Clyde Schrader with second by Dave Malsan was set forth to send an additional \$1000 to the Diocese as payment toward the 2011 assessment. Motion was carried with 2 abstentions. There was discussion around hospitality during coffee hour and what sort of message having a donation box gives to parishioners and guests. On motion of Matt Klepeis with second by Mark Kelly it was decided that the donation box would no longer be put out. Motion carried with one abstention.

Area of Ministry Reports

Parish Life: All parish life money will be turned over to the general fund by January 1, 2012. . There was some discussion around how we would make sure that supplies would be available for coffee hour.

Columbarium: Jen and Father Karl are arranging for a spotlight and garland to adorn the cross during the Christmas season. We need to make sure that families know the timetable between having a service for a departed family member and when the plaque can be set.

Christian Education: Fifty-five people attended the Christmas play and pasta dinner. There is approximately \$160 in the checking account. Bonnie and Dave Malsan were thanked for all the time they spent in the kitchen preparing both the St Nicholas breakfast and the Christmas play dinner.

Budget and Finance: On motion of Sara McWilliams with second by Mark Kelly the following Housing Allocation motion was passed. The Parish will allow a housing maintenance allocation of up to \$6,000 or as designated by the vestry, for the purposes of non-reimbursed housing maintenance expenses. The draft 2012 budget was presented to the vestry. Considerable discussion took place regarding the Diocesan assessment and the amount that should be budgeted for this line item.

Buildings and Grounds: A dumpster, starting in January, will be used for garbage pick-up. Money for roof repair has been put into the 2012 budget. Mark Kelly, with Pat's assistance, will pick up buildings and grounds responsibilities.

Hospitality: Breakfast with St Nicholas was very successful. It is hoped that Thanksgiving at McNary can grow. Plans for next year include inviting parishioners from other churches and perhaps the next year delivering meals to those who are unable to get out.

Worship: Starting in January, daily mass will be instituted along with morning prayer/evening prayer.

Business Items:

Minutes: On motion of Mark Kelly with second by Mark Milne the minutes of the November vestry meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was accepted. The selection of an audit committee was discussed.

Next Vestry Meeting: January 18, 2012 7pm

Meeting was adjourned with Compline at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Phillips, Clerk

Note: all motions passed unanimously unless otherwise noted.