

## PARISH OF ST. PAUL - VESTRY MEETING

Tuesday, October 30, 2007  
at the home of Lee and Keith Hatfield

Present: Joan Brandmahl, Richard Pearce, Margaret Hummel, Lee Hatfield, David Montgomery, Tim Dunn, Betty Murray, Ellie Pandorf and Betsy Blagdon. Absent: Bernice Cramer. (Items in **bold** indicate further action to be taken.). The meeting began with an opening prayer at 7:35 p.m.

PIC Candidate. The Diocese has put forth another candidate for our consideration. **Joan has received his resume and will distribute same to members of the executive committee. By agreement of the Vestry, Joan together with Bernice or other members of the executive committee will conduct an initial interview.** Joan will try to arrange for that to happen at 9:30 a.m., Sunday morning, November 4 (before the 10:30 a.m. service) with the plan being that **all Vestry members would have a more informal opportunity to meet and say hello** to the candidate during coffee hour. If the consensus of the Vestry is that this candidate is not a good fit for the parish, then Joan will consult further with Phil Whitbeck concerning the potential candidate he knows. If by our next meeting on November 14 neither candidate is a fit, then we would in all likelihood (i) formally recommend to the parish for a vote of the membership that we transition to a formal rector search process and (ii) notify St. John's of this new development in our Plan. This would mean posting a warrant concerning same on November 18 for a meeting to occur on December 2.

Stewardship. Discussion centered on the need to encourage active participation by parishioners in the life of the parish. While monetary contributions are fundamental to any stewardship drive (and would continue to be important in this year's as well), Vestry felt that emphasis has traditionally been more on the "treasure" component of stewardship over the "time and talent" components. Vestry agreed to emphasize the commitment of time as a central theme to this year's stewardship campaign – and to help lay out with specificity the particular current needs of the parish and ways in which parishioners could participate in meeting same without getting overwhelmed/burned out. Because the Priest in Charge question remains unresolved, moving forward with stewardship has been challenging. Nonetheless, it was agreed that the challenges facing the parish at this point in time remain the same with or without a PIC and that it would be appropriate to prepare a simple outline of same for the benefit of parishioners. The outline could be presented either as part of the stewardship materials or as background leading up to a formal parish meeting held to consider changes to our October 2006 plan (addressed above). **All Vestry members will send their ideas for such materials to David by November 6.**

Restricted Funds Update. **Richard and David will be meeting again on Friday, November 2, to review various materials** culled by Margaret from parish records kept in the rector's office that may help to shed further light on restrictions that may apply to our "permanent funds."

St. John's Bridging Committee. The Committee met on October 29. The St. John's folks were supportive of the struggles that St. Paul's has been facing. The Outreach Committee is interested in a new joint effort of the two parishes. Fellowship dinners are getting going at St. John's to which members of St. Paul's are welcome. The St. John's folks suggested that Miriam Gelford, rector at Grace Church and head of our deanery, had proven helpful to them in the PIC search process and that we may wish to invite her on occasion to Vestry meetings. The idea of holding a progressive dinner for Epiphany is being considered. **Joan will follow up with applicable persons concerning same at St. John's and at Trinity.**

Approval of Meeting Minutes. Upon motion duly seconded, the minutes of our August 16 and September 19 meetings were approved as presented.

Evangelism. During the summer, Betty prepared guidelines for ushers which Diane Post sends out each week to the scheduled ushers. Betty proposed the possibility of a Christmas decorating party with kids. **David, Betty and Tim will consult with respect to coordinating cluster dinners proposed by the Spirituality Committee.**

Property. Recent fall work day went okay although turnout was limited. The vestibule has been painted with “eco-friendly” paint. The wheel chair ramp may need some attention in the not so distant future. The recent plumbing/furnace repair and maintenance bills were steep but probably accurate. **Margaret will check with Manfred concerning whether Al Totten is doing the work we want. Richard will look for alternative landscaper quotes. Joan will mention same to her own landscaper.** Diane Post helped logistically with work day. **Margaret will ask Keith Hatfield if he knows whether the pews get washed and if so with what. Joan will make an announcement about work day (including the eco-friendly paint) at Sunday’s service.**

Leases and Letters. **Joan will discuss the Down Under Yoga situation with Bernice** in order to bring some finality to the documentation. Joan will create a list of the agreements that need updating and will provide copies of the last executed versions when applicable to David.

Signage. **Betty will follow up with Laura Powers-Patey** as to where things stand on the plan to acquire and install new signage in front and near the church.

Construction Update. Ken Sinclair is trying to arrange a meeting of the Committee which would include Keith Hatfield, Manfred Hummel, Sarah Conger and Betty Murray.

Bear Stearns Account Transfer. **David will prepare the applicable forms** needed to transfer certain endowment funds to Fidelity.

Budget Requests. **All committees and initiatives should route these to Lee Hatfield soon.**

Bulletin Boards. **Betty and Betsy will vet materials** that people ask to be posted. Where applicable to music, Reiko will also be consulted.

Nominating Committee. The need to look for new Vestry members and officers was discussed. Four slots will be open and members are encouraged to start thinking of who might be asked to fill same.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Montgomery, Clerk