

## PARISH OF ST. PAUL - VESTRY MEETING

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

at the home of Margaret and Manfred Hummel

Present: Joan Brandmahl, Margaret Hummel, Lee Hatfield, David Montgomery, Betty Murray, Ellie Pandorf, Betsy Blagdon, Richard Pearce and Tim Dunn. Absent: Bernice Cramer. (Items in **bold** indicate further action to be taken.). The meeting began with an opening prayer at 7:20 p.m.

Approval of December Meeting Minutes. Upon motion duly seconded, the minutes of our December 7, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

Stewardship. Currently 31 one separate pledge units have pledged slightly more than \$78,000 for the coming year. (For FY2007, we had approximately \$100,000 pledged by 41 units.) We expect to have approximately 35 pledge units by the time the drive is complete. **Vestry is in the process of making follow up calls concerning stewardship to those who have not returned a pledge card.**

Budget Discussion. We had budgeted income for 2007 in the amount of a little more than \$172K. In actuality, our income came to just shy of \$192K. Combined with reduced expenses due to a lack of a priest in charge and a church school director for several months, our total budget surplus for FY2007 came to \$56.5K.

The proposed budget for 2008 projects organizational rental income of \$6K, rectory rent income of \$33K, priest compensation (for 8 mos.) of \$32K, health insurance for priest (for 8 mos.) of \$8K. The plan is to take \$25K out of the FY2007 \$56.5K budget surplus and apply to the FY2008 budget (of which ~\$10K would be used to cover costs associated with upcoming repairs to the furnace, ~\$9K to rectory repair and improvements and ~\$6K would be applied to cover projected health insurance expenses associated with the next priest).

Open question as to how much if any of the "reserve account" funds might be set aside for capital improvements (e.g. handicapped accessible bathroom, new kitchenette). The reserve account currently consists of (i) approximately \$152K that is unrestricted and (ii) approximately \$50K that is restricted. **The new Vestry will face this issue in the coming year.**

Upon motion duly seconded, the proposed budget for the Parish of St. Paul for FY2008 was approved as presented.

Nominating Committee. Several potential members of Vestry have been approached to fill the upcoming vacancies that will be created when Ellie Pandorf, Bernice Cramer, Tim Dunn and David Montgomery finish their respective terms. The final slate has not yet been solidified but it is expected to be so by the time of Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting. Annual Meeting will be held at St. Paul's on January 20, 2008 immediately following a joint 9:30 a.m. service. An agenda for the annual meeting is being prepared by members of the Executive Committee. **Reports to be included in the Annual Meeting Report should be sent to Diane Post ASAP.**

Priest in Charge (PIC) Update. A candidate for the PIC position who had originally come to Vestry's attention in November (upon the strong recommendation of the rector at St. John's of Jamaica Plain) is interested in applying for our position. This individual is currently in Toronto with a strong desire to return to this Diocese. We have received mixed reports of how well this person might match our parish. The consensus viewpoint was that it would nonetheless be worth our while to conduct a telephone interview. In the meantime, Vestry remains very interested in another individual who is currently being considered for a possible joint rector position by the Vestries of St. Mark's and St. Mary's, Dorchester. If those parishes do not choose to move forward with that individual (a decision on that front is expected imminently), then we anticipate engaging in direct discussions with this person soon thereafter.

Bishop's Visitation. Bishop Tom Shaw will be visiting St. Paul's on Sunday, January 27, 2008. He anticipates celebrating worship with us at a combined 9:30 a.m. service (including baptism) followed by a brunch and meeting with the congregation. Following that, he will meet with the Vestry. **Retiring members of the Vestry have been asked to attend if possible.**

Down Under Yoga (DUY). The new contract with DUY has finally been signed by all parties.

Property Update. The furnace repair work is well underway. The main work day for repairs and removal of asbestos will be done on Friday, January 11. The estimated cost for same is \$6.6K.

Bridging Committee with St. John's Newtonville. A series of events are in the works. "Jazz and Jambalaya" celebration and fundraiser for New Orleans rebuilding efforts will be held at St. John's on February 2. A Lenten series will be conducted on Sunday evenings exploring the baptismal covenant, New Orleans mission and Millennium goals. Rev. Tim Rogers has indicated he would be willing to do a single service at St. Paul's on the evening of Ash Wednesday (February 6). Holy Week services to be split up among St. John's, Trinity and St. Paul's. A Pentecost Barbeque Party is also being considered. The trip to New Orleans this year is envisioned to be a three-week time period during which different folks would each give one week of their time. It is hoped this would allow for a collective effort that results in one house being largely rebuilt top to bottom.

Supply Priest. **Joan will explore availability of new Supply Clergy starting the week following the Bishop's visitation.**

February Meeting. The plan is to hold Vestry's next meeting on February 13 at the home of Betsy Blagdon and Ken Sinclair.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Montgomery, Clerk (2007-2008)