

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting, Wednesday, May 15, 2024

6:30pm – 8:00pm, Location: Colhoun B&C

At 6:35 the Rev. Dixon Kinser called the meeting to order and gave a devotion. Those in attendance were Morris Friedman, Brant Snavely, Keith Gooze, Charlotte Broughton, Elizabeth Repetti, Salem Parham, Jack Scruggs, Carol Davis, Kathryn Vernon, Matthew Phillips, Tom McDowell, Nick VanHorn, Lucy Strandlund and Betsy Reiners.

Dixon asked for a motion to approve the minutes for April's meeting, Jack Scruggs made the motion and Charlotte Broughton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Because this meeting is so early in the month, the finance committee has not yet met for May. Treasurer, Julie Williams is away tonight. Tom McDowell offered this report:

Pledges continue to lag, for the year, by \$96k, but were slightly over budget for the month or April. The surplus is \$108k which is \$78k below budget.

From the April 25 Investment Committee meeting Tom reported a plan to move the account from Schwab to Morgan Stanley to save on fees. The vestry voted unanimously in favor of this move.

In new business, Dixon said the parish directories are ready and in an effort to get them in members hands sooner than later, he and Jason Franklin would like approval to pay extra to expedite shipping. This additional cost would come from Vestry Undesignated. Dixon asked for a motion to approve, and Salem made a motion and Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

In light of the mix up with the sidewalk pavers, Joe Opperman recommended we consult with Stimmel Associates about options for the walkway. Dixon asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Stimmel Associates and Jack made a motion and Matthew seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dixon said the Kanuga weekend was great and offering the book to everyone was a blessing. Dixon said a donor came forward to cover the cost of the book distribution.

Dixon has been meeting with the 20's and 30's Somethings and it is becoming a thriving ministry. He is very gratified at the numbers of folks attending and the enthusiasm shone for bible study and fellowship of the group.

Anne Rahn has announced her retirement from the full-time role of Senior Adult minister. She plans to stay on a part-time basis assisting the Rev. Nancy Vaders when she takes over the office.

Dixon is teaching a class at Duke Divinity school this summer; on campus for a week in June and then remotely after that.

The Rev. Nick VanHorn starts his sabbatical on June 3 and will be back on September 8.

In clergy reports, Nick has been busy with several weddings, graduate Sunday, youth trip planning and the lip sync battle.

Lucy has been planning weddings, baptisms and any liturgical changes needed to accommodate the summer service schedule starting on Sunday, May 26.

Matthew Phillips, the Sr. Warden had nothing to report tonight.

In the Jr. Warden's Report, Morris Friedman gave updates on the Pavers/Walkways, a new phone system scheduled to be installed, new signage that Rick Duggins is taking bids for, and the latest on the sound system.

In Liaison Reports, Brant Snavely had nothing to add about Finance. Keith Googe said the Summer Enrichment team was making plans for summer 2024 and the Men's Fellowship next meeting is at Nick VanHorn's.

Dixon lead a prayer for Nick as he prepares for his time away.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

