

At 1:05pm the Rev. Dixon Kinser called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Kathryn Vernon, Morris Freeman, Keith Gooze, Jack Scruggs, Salem Parham, Sheldon Moser, Charlotte Broughton, Jackie Piscatelli, John White, Lucy Paynter, the Rev. Lucy Strandlund, the Rev. Erika Takas, and the Rev. Nick Van Horn.

The meeting began with the election of officers. Dixon Kinser nominated Morris Freeman for Senior Warden, seconded by Jack Scruggs. The motion passed, with Morris Freeman abstaining.

Julie Williams was nominated as Treasurer by Morris Freeman, seconded by Charlotte Broughton. The motion passed unanimously.

Betsy Reiners put her name forward to serve as secretary. Salem Parham made the motion, and Sheldon Moser seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Charlotte Broughton was nominated to be the junior warden by Morris Freeman. The motion was seconded by Lucy Paynter and passed. Charlotte Broughton abstained.

Dixon called for the approval of the minutes from vestry meeting on January 22nd, 2025. Sheldon Moser made the motion and Keith Gooze seconded. The motion passed.

For the Financial report, Dixon shared that the end of the Stewardship Campaign has wrapped up with pledges to date totaling just over 2.6 million. The Vestry calls did return pledges with 530 pledge packets turned in. The Stewardship Committee is looking toward the next two campaign years, with the 2026 Stewardship Campaign coinciding with the Sesquicentennial celebration at St. Paul's.

In new business, Lucy Standlund asked for approval of money from a designated fund, the Lucy Paynter Fund, to pay for the Enneagram Retreat Speaker totalling \$2,000. \$1,300 would come from the Lucy Paynter Fund with the remainder to be paid for through the budget line item for Formation. The motion was made by Jack Scruggs and seconded by Lucy Paynter. The motion passed unanimously.

Dixon and Nick updated the Vestry about the creation of a Vestry Youth Representative role, revisiting the conversation from the last two Vestry Meetings. As defined by Nick, Dixon, and the youth interested in this role, the position would be for a member of the youth to come to the Vestry Meetings as a lay person, who would not have a vote on Vestry matters, and who would not attend any Vestry Executive or Pastoral sessions. This person would attend Vestry Meetings, record their reflections, and need to be a 10th or 11th grader for a one year term. There is a nominee for the upcoming Vestry year: Grady Philips. Charlotte Broughton made a motion to establish this position which was seconded by John White. The motion passed unanimously.

For his Clergy Report, Dixon reminded everyone that the Vestry Meeting dates have been sent around. Also, organizations in the community that partner with St. Paul's are using our spaces for their meetings and community gatherings which is leading to the development of more partnerships and deeper relationships with our community partners. Dixon reminded the group that use of St. Paul's spaces is free to all non-profits.

In addition, Dixon reported that the church is closer to getting the signs re-done on the church campus, and the proposal will be before the Vestry soon.

In his Clergy Report, Nick shared that though cub scouts has 40-50 kids participating, Boy Scout Troop 910 is struggling. There was a plan to partner with Christ Beloved Community to restart the Troop and recharter. At the moment there are two potential leaders of the troop.

Lucy reported that there has been quite a bit of transition at St. Paul's among the roles of the clergy, and wanted to reiterate everyone's new position/responsibilities:

Lucy - Adult Formation

Erika - Liturgy

Nancy - Pastoral Care/Seniors

She is in the midst of planning the Lantern Initiative for next year and is open to suggestions.

Erika reported that we will be having baptisms on February 16th, as a make-up date from the snow day. Lent is fast approaching with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. Eucharist is Monday through Thursday at noon at the side altar, and currently 10-15 people attend per day.

Salem Parham reported that Vacation Bible School will be June 16th - 20th.

Morris reminded everyone that the Staff Brunch sign up sheet is available, and that the new Vestry Class needs to sign up for Ministry Liaison positions.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.