

**St. Paul's, Manhattan, Vestry Minutes**  
**August 13, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Father Patrick, Deb Lamb (Senior Warden) Joe Barbercheck (Treasurer), Yvonne Amanor- Boadu (Clerk), Marian Fuller, Phil Ryan, Mary Vanier, Betsy Barrett, Candie White, and Rebecca Burton (Secretary).

**Absent:** Landon Leiker and Katie Dempsey

The meeting commenced with Gathering worship and moved on to Dwelling in the Word, Luke 10.1-12 with members pairing off to share if they had a different personal revelation from the reading this time. Their next step was to share their reflections with the group.

July 16 Vestry minutes were reviewed. Mary moved to approve it as is. Phil seconded it. All approved unanimously.

Then the group broke into subcommittee work.

**Administration:**

Phil gave the report of the subcommittee. The group reviewed the monthly Treasurer's report. Next, Joe shared that the Endowment Committee met with the Trust committee where they received a positive semi-annual report. The sub-committee also discussed that the vestry entertain the resolution to enable the endowment committee to start work creating the Barnabas Society. Membership in the Barnabas Society would be a way to encourage members of St. Paul's who are committed to planned giving to include St. Paul's in their wills. In the push for the initial creation of a Planned Giving Society, Fr. Patrick would like to host a series of conversations focused on end-of-life issues to include education on planned giving; experts in various fields (Finance, Medical, Elder-Care, Funeral Planning, etc) would lead these conversations. A query was made about the suitability of identifying members of the "Barnabas Society" with a nametag? Or in some facet that gives them due recognition? This was just an initial discussion and so was tabled for future meetings. Joe offered to be the conduit about further inquiries to the endowment committee, for the vestry. The sub-committee also reviewed the parish's cash position and other items from the Finance Committee.

Mary moved that we accept the report and actions of the Administration sub-committee and Yvonne seconded it. All approved unanimously.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Candie and Father Patrick reviewed three Security system bids. Father Patrick and Tom Snyder recommend that the vestry choose the CBS Manhattan bid which is **AXIS BRAND** (owned by Canon) which includes 2 door stations, power supply, strikes, hard drive & installation at a cost of \$6,155.00.; adding an indoor camera for \$428 would bring the cost to \$7,143. Options offered are a third door station at \$1,480.00 which would be \$2,499 vs \$1695 and an additional camera \$328 for the alley view which brings the total up to \$7,471. There is an anonymous

donation of \$5,000 towards the security system. Father Patrick shared that several schools in the USD 383 district use this system and are happy with the service. This system can be operated remotely from a computer or cell phone, be it an Apple or Android phone.

**Recommendation:** After careful discernment, Father Patrick would like to have the CBS/Axis system installed, to include the alley camera for \$7,471. By doing so, the capital campaign would complete the last major expense of phase 3, bringing the account close to \$0.00. Currently, there is about \$20,000 in pledge receivables (except for 3 which adds up to \$4150) Father Patrick anticipates will come in by June 2020. Father also indicated that the security system could not be installed in early September, it would make better sense to schedule it for early October to avoid conflicts with the Bishop's visit on September 29, 2019.

The recommendation was moved out of committee and accepted by the vestry.

### **Ministry/Mission:**

Yvonne presented for the group. She informed the Vestry that the theme for the Mission/Fall kickoff "Blessed to be a Blessing" will have tags for everyone and that the vestry as opposed to the Hospitality Group will be hosting the event. Betsy Barrett will organize the job assignments.

The Ministry Fair has been scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be games and a raffle will be held with the awards being pies, donated by the parishioners and some by Tiffany Oppelt. Yvonne will send out an email about different ministries that will be contacted.

Joe motioned to accept the sub-committee recommendations. Candie seconded. all accepted unanimously.

### **Rectors Report:**

Father Patrick made a report on his activities and asked for discussion on some items related to St. Paul's membership. He pointed out a few key points i.e. that while there was adequate financial support, Deacon Sandy would not be doing the CROP walk due to meager physical participation from St. Paul's.

### **Fr. Patrick's Sabbatical Award**

Father Patrick received news that Christian Theological Seminary had awarded a grant to St. Paul's for its clergy renewal leave (commonly called a Sabbatical) which will be from February 24<sup>th</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Father Patrick! And thank you to the Sabbatical Committee for their continued support in this process. During this time, the sacramental and pastoral leadership will be overseen, in partnerships with St. Paul's deacons will be taken care of by the Reverend Tom Baker, chaplain at Stormont-Vail Hospital. The other regular duties will be managed by a combination of our clergy, vestry, administrative staff and other parishioners.

### **Mission-Focus: Annual Giving Kick-Off**

A sign-up sheet was also passed around for the Stewardship Kick-off dinner to be held September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. The theme will be "That's Amore! – A taste of Italy" with the Vestry hosting the dinner. Deb Lamb is in charge of coordinating the dinner.

**Mission-Focus: St. Paul's Generosity Map**

Father Patrick presented the Generosity Map that was discussed at the July Vestry meeting. He invited the Vestry to add pins of 3 different colors that represented their giving of time, talent and treasure in the community. A white pin was also offered to show "Where God is calling you to expand your generosity?". Father Patrick will also present this to the congregation to help them discern their time, talent and treasure as we begin the Annual Giving Campaign 2019.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:57 p.m.