

St. Paul's Manhattan, Vestry Minutes

September 24, 2019

7:00 pm

Present: Father Patrick, Deb Lamb (senior warden), Joe Barbercheck (treasurer), Yvonne Amanor-Boadu (clerk), Betsy Barrett, Candie White, Phil Ryan, Marian Fuller, Katie Dempsey, Mary Vanier

Absent: Landon Leiker

Fr. Patrick led Evening Prayer

The vestry began their discussion with Dwelling in the Word focused on Luke 10.1-12.

Eric Kientz, auditor from Varney and Associates, joined vestry to discuss the communication letter from the 2018 audit. He reported there was no identified or suspected fraud, no significant difficulties, 2 misstatements with suggested corrections that St. Paul's has corrected, and a suggestion to include a monthly practice of backing up Quickbooks data to the Cloud, which St. Paul's has incorporated.

He also discussed the results of the audit, including the opinion that St. Paul's financial practices are "in accordance with general accounting principles"; discussed some changes in reporting requirements for non-profits and how St. Paul's can make adjustments to keep up with these.

Reviewed August minutes and Deb Lamb asked for a motion to approve them; Phil Ryan moved to approve the minutes, Mary Vanier seconded, the motion passed.

Vestry broke out into subcommittees to discuss ongoing and new business.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Administration: Phil reported that they discussed the treasurer's report and computer policy: recommendations of acceptance of treasurer's report and of computer policy with one change regarding how best to dispose of technology. Betsy Barrett moved to accept the subcommittee report; Marian Fuller seconded; motion passed.
- Property: Katie reported that they discussed options for placement of extra soap and hand sanitizer dispensers; Joe Barbercheck moved to accept the subcommittee report, Phil Ryan seconded, motion passed.
- Mission and Ministry: Yvonne and Betsy gave report of discussion of the November 3 ministry fair; Mary Vanier moved to accept subcommittee report, Joe Barbercheck seconded, motion passed.

Rector's report: Fr. Patrick highlighted upcoming events, including the Bishop's visit this Sunday, Sept 29; Cathedral youth group staying overnight the weekend of Oct 11 while they are in town to help with Canterbury's work day; Fr. Patrick will be away Oct 13 for a cycling event, George Wiley will preside/preach that week; Deacon Carolyn Garwood will preach Oct 20; Way of Love wrapped up, next adult education unit will focus on St. Paul the Apostle.

Fr. Patrick reported on Yvonne's upcoming candidacy interview, affirmed that she is an adult communicant in good standing, distributed the letter of support for vestry members to sign, to be sent in to the Diocese. All present signed the letter.

Mission Focus

Deb Lamb introduced a discussion of mission focused microgrants, sharing ideas she has been considering about how to offer the use of the building for groups. She invited others to share any ideas they have been considering: Joe talked about ideas he has been discussing with Chelsea for a Bible study for parents of young children; Betsy talked about a Bible Study for women; Marian talked about an idea to partner with the Douglass Center for one Sat morning a month to do crafts for children in the neighborhood, and about looking into partnering with Morningstar; Candie asked about checking with UFM to see if they need space to hold classes; Fr. Patrick talked about a prayer walk in the neighborhood; Yvonne talked about a parents' night out; Candie talked about a mom's morning; Joe talked about a Kairos ministry (prison visitation); Katie talked about a movie night.

Fr. Patrick reminded the vestry that part of this type of leadership is acknowledging that we aren't the only ones who have to come up with and execute ideas such as these. He encouraged the vestry to use the listening skills we are practicing in our monthly Dwelling in the Word to pay attention to how God is moving through the ministries of individual members of St. Paul's.

Fr. Patrick closed in prayer and, the

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.