

A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the August 14, 2025 Meeting:

MUSIC PROGRAM REPORT BY JOE HAMMER:

Joe thanked everyone for their support of he, John, and Killian; he's very aware the support here at St. Paul's for the music is much greater than in other churches. "The programs are robust, fun for all and he works hard to have a variety of musical offerings, especially during the busy summer months."

The Organ Crawl will again take place this fall, with Paul Fey helping during that weekend. The Nancy Tompkins Broll Fund is a Godsend and these gifts have made a profound difference for the parish.

The sound system continues to improve, Joe noted it is "hard to capture the many broad sounds organs can produce."

He has lined up a soprano from the Nantucket Community Music Center (NCMC) to sing with us from Sept. to June.

There will again be a Christmas Stroll concert.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Steve Paradis is waiting on the finalized construction documents, which are almost completed. "They can then be given out to bid for General Contractors."

Cece Fowler mentioned that it is rather hard to hear the music in the garden during the 8 AM services.

TREASURER'S

REPORT:

Treasurer Kirk Baker spoke of this year's audit report, and how he learned some things about the church. He believes we are on the correct path and shared that the auditor did say we needed an inventory of all our parish items. "The purpose of an inventory for St. Paul's was discussed, with Colby Crenshaw providing valuable input regarding the purpose of such. Peter Greenhalgh noted that Dual Macintyre had put together a report of the parish's holdings for insurance purposes when he was treasurer, which Lou Gennaro also acknowledged. Peter Barnes believes he in fact has Dual's report. It was agreed that this is not needed for St. Paul's.

Ruthie Klink spoke off the agenda:

She is going to co-chair the Christmas Market with Olly Wolf, which will be held on Sat. Dec. 6th with the traditional musical concert on Dec. 5. They have some dedicated folks involved – Sheila Daume, Karen Bloomfield, Lucy Leske and Olly, but the committee will be pulling the Market back a bit, perhaps with selling some items online too. They do want to have more seating for the food portion of the Market. Much discussion ensued.

Ruthie also noted the playground is old and needs to be updated. There is also the thought of holding "an old school yard sale" in Sept. of all the leftover things from prior Markets that they will no longer be carrying at this year's Market.

Dorothy Baker then spoke about the Toy Lending Library and how folks within the community are very excited about the prospect. They have already collected numerous things and are receiving helpful guidance from experienced teachers. \$3,000 worth of toys were purchased at half price thanks to Gina Crenshaw. If a parent or adult brings a child into the Toy Library, do they need to stay with the child so we don't become a day care.

Jan Jacobi shared that whenever he attends the Bible Study it is wonderful and he believes it is one of Max's best ministries – very uplifting, and embracing for all.

WARDEN'S REPORT:

MUTUAL MINISTRY

Warden Liz Bistrow spoke on the Mutual Ministry Review: After considering options for this work she and Warden Lucy Leske spoke with a woman from Renewal Works which is a nonprofit, run through Forward Movement. A survey will be given to the entire parish, which will begin in January. There are four workshops which will be attended by the Vestry and these last about two hours. Lucy noted that they will also invite the Committee chairs to attend them, but not the entire congregation.

The Nominating Committee will begin meeting shortly for the selection of new Vestry members, to replace the outgoing Vestry members.

BICYCLE MINISTRY

There is a bike drive at the Chicken Box on Sat. Aug. 16 from 1 – 3 PM. Max shared that lots of bikes have already been given to St. Paul's – we already have 235! Some folks are giving money instead, which we can use to build bike racks. "We do not advertise this ministry, the students who use the bikes tell each other." Lucy noted that we need to have a plan for storage of all these bicycles.

John has been a great addition and is a huge help, and has a great time doing it. He will be the Time, Treasure & Talent in the next issue of *Tidings*. Cece Fowler noted that we truly need to be able to fund his position as Sexton.

RECTOR'S REPORT:

Max noted that there is lots going on and he and Olly have attended many events, however, "he cannot be in two places at once." He's had a very good summer and it's been invigorating. There have been many baptisms and lots of folks in church, with twice as many people attending the 8 AM garden service. Cece Moore shared that many people are bringing their pets to that service. Max shared that the playground needs to be safer and Dorothy Baker said that covering the hard ground with mulch is the answer.

Max wishes more of the Vestry would attend the musical offerings on Tuesday nights.

NO OTHER BUSINESS

