

A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the December 14, 2023 Meeting:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Martin McKerrow reported that 2023 has been a busy year – financially – for St. Paul's with significant capital expenditures and a need to carefully manage our finances. We have navigated these challenges well and are poised to finish the year in a good financial condition. This should position us well for 2024 that is also shaping up to be busy. It is suggested that the Treasury function be partially assumed by the Finance Committee as an addition to its current activities.

2024 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Patsy Wright spoke on Peter Barnes' behalf and explained that we have received 105 pledges totaling \$350,000. The next Stewardship meeting will be in January.

TOWER UPDATE

Warden Bob Felch noted that THE TOWER WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED!!!!!! The entire team will be here tomorrow at 9:30 for the final walkthrough.

CAMPUS REPORT

Warden Libby Tracey shared that work on the Jelleme Cottage has been completed. The steam cleaning of the kitchen in Gardner Hall will require four and a half days and will be completed shortly. The Weds. Suppers once again will be prepared in the kitchen starting in February, along with all the meals cooked there for the Jay Craven group. The new elevator/lift installation will begin on January 8th by 101 Mobility. A crew of five will be here for four days. Their company has arranged for intown housing.

OUTREACH UPDATE

Dorothy Baker was happy to report all is going great! Susan Coffin shared that a parishioner told her "that they wanted to become involved due to your wonderful outreach programs."

NOMINATING REPORT

Warden Libby Tracey noted that several names will be presented at the Annual Meeting; Lucy Leske for Senior Warden, Bob Felch, Jr. Warden. Lucy and Yvette have completed their terms and Yvette will be leaving the Vestry. Cece Fowler and Steve Paradis are the proposed new members; Libby will stay on for one year as a replacement for last year's vacancy. Patsy Wright and Susan Coffin have accepted a second term on the Vestry. Libby spoke very highly of retiring members Yvette St. Jean and Lucy Leske's contributions over the years and thanked them for all their hard work in this volunteer capacity. The Vestry approved the slate which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Father Max informed us that filmmaker Jay Craven will be back at the end of January and will be staying on through the 1st of April. We do have a new contract from him to sign.

Outreach is going great; people continue to stop him in the street to tell him what a wonderful job St. Paul's is doing within the community.

He and Olly are leaving for three weeks on December 27th for their Block Island escape. He has lined up Joe Baird for the first Sunday, Beverly Hall for the second, and Jackie McGrady for the third Sunday they will be away.

He shared that Olly felt the teamwork for the Christmas Market was amazing and was grateful for such fellowship. Dorothy Baker noted it happened because of Olly's incredible leadership and that we truly need to try and find a co-chair to help for next year's Christmas Market.

WARDENS' REPORTS

Bob Felch and Libby Tracey shared the comments from many different people about how much Olly Wolf does with our fellowship, begun when she first arrived. "The fellowship of old timers has created a new fellowship for the church, and we are most grateful." They also wished Max & Olly a happy 36th anniversary!

Libby said "she believes that over the years, the Vestry family has been a great guiding force and she sends lots of love, and it has been great walking this path with you."

Bob closed with wishes for a Merry Christmas and thanked everyone for all their service to St. Paul's.