

A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the February 8, 2024 Meeting:

CAMPUS REPORT

Warden Bob Felch began with general overviews of the recently accomplished AND ongoing work: the Chapel painting was completed in TWO days, “the paint used was White Dove and is cheery and compliments all the dark wood beautifully.” Parishioners will meet there on Sundays while the church proper is being painted. It was noted that the sound system issues are also being addressed and progress is being made.

Bob then shared that John Barnes was here to explain he’s been researching heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems for Gardner Hall and the church proper. He has quotes from three providers and the first focus will be Gardner Hall. NationalGrid will also need to be involved since we’d be dealing with electrical issues, which may mean all the old electrical panels may need to be updated at the same time. John shared that larger ceiling fans would replace the current ones in the church.

TREASURER’SREPORT

Treasurer Martin McKerrow reported that St. Paul’s financial condition changed only modestly from its strong year end position. In January we recognize as income the 2024 pledges that were made and paid in 2023. Since the cash from those payments has been deposited in our bank account these revenues do not impact our cash position. The pre-paid 2024 pledge balance was just over \$62,000. This is typical of the early months of the year – cash flow tends to be negative.

Additionally, reflecting a change in Vestry Wardens, changes to the authorized bank and investment account signatories needed to be addressed; Martin read a yearly resolution needed for the bank to update the signers – **Motion was made, all in favor.**

He then read a second resolution regarding the Investment Account signers; it suggested we did not need as many signers on that account. **Motion was made, all were in favor.**

INVESTIMATE RESULTS

Kirk Baker noted that the yearly Nelson Fund withdrawal of \$19,00 or about 4.85% was approved by the Vestry with \$13,500 designated for the Rector’s Discretionary Fund.

2024 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Peter Barnes noted thus far we are up to 142 pledges totaling \$467,000. The average pledge is \$3,300. The committee will follow up with those who have yet to pledge. Goal is \$550,000.

OUTREACH UPDATE

Liz Bristow shared that the Feb. 4th coffee hour’s Donuts and Discussion from two folks from the Warming Place was great with numerous questions and comments shared. Wednesday Dinners are once again being prepared in-house and include meals for the Warming Place. March 10 is the next Donuts and Discussion with Nantucket Food, Fuel & Rental Assistance Program ED Janis Carreiro. Ready Set Read is now twice a week with thirteen readers; Laundry Love is booming again after a short break and Randy Wight leads that program flawlessly. Liz and Dorothy have had some early discussions with Joanna Holland about starting a pre-school program, which is currently in crisis mode.

VESTRY RETREAT

There will be a Vestry retreat on June 15 for the new Wardens and all Vestry, probably taking place at Sherburne Commons.

RECTOR'S REPORT

The Winter Dinners are going well, Lucy Leske hosted the first one, then Martin & Toni McKerrow, followed by Libby Tracey at Sherburne Commons. "The tradition of offering Winter Dinners began before Covid times."

Max is pleased and blessed with the leadership at St Paul's – bringing strength and relief to so many. He noted how active our parish is and how these gifts bring so much to our ministry. He shared that being the Chaplain of Pascon has added a different view to his ministry. The newly painted walls are brightening up the church, and trompe l'oeil (an artistic term for the highly realistic optical illusion of three-dimensional space and objects on a two-dimensional surface) will be added around our beautiful windows to enhance their beauty. Max shared that he and Olly are trying to figure out timing for a Sabbatical, but with the animals and their obligations, timing is tricky.

WARDENS' REPORTS

This was Lucy Leskes first Wardens report and she's looking forward to her new role and excited with all that is happening at St. Paul's! Bob Felch explained that three of the four windows in the chapel do not close properly and are very drafty, so Ben Moore has been retained to repair them.

The wonderful new elevator is working and a sign will be made explaining the button needs to be held down the entire time one is riding in it.