

## **A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the June 13, 2024 Meeting:**

### **CAMPUS REPORT**

Steve Paradis is working on the second proposal for an architect. He has been in touch with Design Associates and Emeritus and “either will serve us well.”

Two quotes have been received by Mac Davis and East Wood for replacing the Parish House first floor – the bathroom and kitchen floors would remain as they are. Vinyl plank flooring is being considered and a color would need to be considered. There has been one quote given for the painting of the interior. Warden Bob Felch reminded everyone that the bigger picture is about Gardner Hall and we do not want to move too quickly on the Parish House.

### **BISHOP GALLAGHER’S VISITATION, JUNE 15/16:**

Max shared that the assistant Bishop will arrive at 3 PM on Saturday and Colby and Gina Crenshaw will be hosting a cookout for the Vestry with the Bishop at their Polpis home. She will be preaching at the 9:30 service, but not the 8 A.M. There will be a special coffee hour in Gardner Hall after church to honor her visit.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

St. Paul’s continues to be in a good financial position. Our ordinary income is ahead of budget, helped by both our revenues and lower than budgeted expenses. Of particular note is that for the first time in some years our campus expenses are below budget.

Pledge payments have been strong, and expenses have been in line with our budget. With an operational deficit of only about \$31,000 and strong Campaign payments, our liquidity has risen since the beginning of the year and is now about \$590,000.

There are still seven months of the year ahead of us and it is likely that some of the positive expense experience will see catch up. We are also coming into a period when we may step up capital expenditures.

### **INVESTIMATE RESULTS**

“YTD we our assets have increased by about \$100,000 and our unrestricted and restricted long term investment accounts now total \$1.3 million; the market has treated us well!”

#### **2024 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

Peter Barnes was delighted to report we have 156 pledges for a total of \$543,000. We are ahead of where we were for last year at this time. Patsy Wright handed out the new brochure and all agreed it was very well done.

“Now we need to determine a theme for NEXT year’s Stewardship Campaign!” Patsy then shared the next *Tidings* is slated for September and that the new designer, Eileen Powers, is giving the newsletter a very different look.

#### **PRE-SCHOOL UPDATE**

Dorothy Baker thanked everyone for the great support that has been shown for this new Pre-School idea and its undertaking. There will be an inspection of the building this summer and then the state inspector will come in September.

#### **RECTOR’S REPORT**

Father Max shared that St. Paul’s has already given out 125 bikes and there are still a dozen folks waiting. We do have a man from St. Mary’s who is fixing bikes for us at no charge. He noted Ken Beaugrand’s passing and all he did for St. Paul’s, especially behind the scenes. His funeral date was changed from the original date and will now be on Saturday, July 13 at 11 A.M.

Max is taking a sabbatical beginning the second week of January 2025 and he and Olly will be renting a house near Portland Maine; the second month they will be in Meredith, NH. Per church bylaws, he will need to retire in a couple of years due to his age. There is some consideration of spending two weeks in Italy too.

#### **WARDENS’ REPORTS**

With Warden Lucy Leske in Alaska and at the meeting via phone, said she the country is beautiful and she is grateful to be there.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Martin McKerrow expressed concern over the lack of parking in our church parking lot, and believes the builders who are doing all the construction on the Orange St. properties need to stop using our private lot. “They need to be called and told as much.” Landscapers are also parking there for hours, and it appears that none of them even asked if it was alright.

Warden Bob Felch noted we've had some challenges with our church sound system and the streaming of services, but "we are diligently working on the issues and trying to sort out how to get the sound system and camera to properly interact together." It was discussed that we need to have a true technical person here on Sunday mornings.