

A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the June 12, 2025 Meeting:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Kirk Baker explained that the Finance Committee met and they could use another person to join them. As of May 31, we are ahead of YTD. Long term assets are up and the market is doing well at the moment. Income is up and the CPC Grant was approved at Town Meeting!

OUTREACH REPORT:

Warden Liz Bristow noted that underwriting for the yearly raffle rug has begun and they could use volunteers to start selling tickets in front of Murray's Toggery Shop in July. Volunteer sellers are needed after church services too.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: Peter Barnes noted we've made our goal for the 2025 Stewardship total!!!

UPDATE FROM CAMPUS COMMITTEE:

Steve Paradis reported that there is now a revised timeline for the work, which will start after Jan. 1, 2026. Therefore, we'll be able to host the Christmas Concert and Market over Stroll Weekend, and the church proper will not be affected during the Advent season. We voted to approve the presentation we saw at last month's meeting, regarding the plans and designs we were shown.

All were in favor to proceed.

Lou Gennero asked what the ball park figure might be for the rest of the project – bathroom reconfiguration and storage space redesign, etc. and he suggested "we need to provide these guidelines to the parish."

Steve did share that past construction projects at St. Paul's have been challenging and that managing construction projects need to work through established committees rather than folks going directly to external parties like Emeritus or Good Bones Design. He discussed the importance of maintaining a clear chain of command and avoiding "triangulation" when addressing concerns, and about the project's complexity and the importance of limiting input to designated committees.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Max shared that John Howish has been hired as the sexton and he has already been making improvements around the church property. He will help with weddings and more as needed and report to Max.

Joe Hammer will speak about the music program at the August meeting; the Nantucket Musical Arts will once again be holding their concerts in our church and there is lots of great music planned for the summer.

Deacon Susan will be leaving next week for the season.

Kirk Baker shared that two new microphones were installed in the church lecterns which should improve sound quality.

Max then shared that he had spoken to Canon Kelly and will be leaving in two years given the birthday age limit for MA rectors. He and Olly will be looking to buy something somewhere in a Diocese that will allow ministers over 72 years of age to continue working. He thanked everyone once again for his Sabbatical and thanked Patsy Wright for another great issue of *Tidings*.

WARDEN'S REPORT:

Warden Lucy Leske discussed several church committees and their roles. It was suggested that the Audit Committee expand its scope to include risk assessment and insurance matters. The Finance Committee was mentioned as a potential alternative venue for risk management discussions. It was mentioned that we need volunteers for various committees, including a new Campus Master Planning Committee – Long Range Planning Committee is what it used to be called – so we can be better prepared and have a plan for the future of St. Paul's.

Mutual Ministry Review: Everyone agreed to pursue a mutual ministry review to better understand what makes a healthy church, and to prepare for the search process when Max retires. It was noted the Mutual Ministry will help us continue to support Max while also moving forward as we start the search project. It was shared that we need to be transparent about all of this with the congregation.

Treasurer Kirk Baker spoke about possibly restructuring the finance committee and budget process. He explained that the finance committee will assist with planning the budget starting in September, broken into pieces to better understand funding for outreach programs. Lucy Leske discussed the need to consult an attorney in the fall about the church's legal status and property ownership and the Vestry's responsibility in all of this.

It was noted that Jay Riggs will lead the Nominating Committee, to be formed in a few weeks. There will be four Vestry openings to fill for 2026.

NO OTHER BUSINESS