

## **A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the May 9, 2024 Meeting:**

### **MUSIC UPDATE**

Music Director Joe Hammer gave a report on the upcoming summer season of music, “there will be lots going on again this summer in the music field, and choral folks are coming back and we’ll grab them all!” He’s working on programs with people from the National Cathedral and Nantucket Community Music Center (NCMC), where he’ll be hosting workshops for ten to twelve young vocal students, whom will be on island July 13 – 21, and he is the assistant director for a performance that will be held at St. Paul’s on July 21.

For the second-year consecutive year, The Nantucket Musical Arts Society will be holding their weekly concerts in our church, July 9 through mid-August.

Nick Davies and the Rossini programs will also be held at St. Paul’s, and they may also perform at one of our services.

On May 19, the NCMC will host five professional musicians and are having an Artist in Residence program.

For the month of August, Miles Quick from Taunton UK will be here – Joe has been involved with Queen’s College and he and Miles “will switch positions for the month of August; Joe will be doing Miles’ job in the UK and Miles will take over Joe’s responsibilities here.” Our services are very similar to his in the UK, Joe will be leaving for England on August 1. He suggested the Vestry listen to their website to hear Miles, who has worked in various UK churches.

### **CAMPUS REPORT**

It was noted that the committee has been enlarged and consists of Steve, Martin, Peter B., Bob and John Barnes. For the Church, they have already received one quote regarding the sprinklers and have an HVAC option to review. Steve Paradis shared that the main focus is to upgrade the infrastructure and they are moving forward on that aspect; the initial electrical upgrade through National Grid is estimated to cost \$45,000 and would enter through an area near the Daume

entrance. “Ryder electric is being considered at the moment.” Water upgrades may be close to \$30,000.

Steve said the least expensive option would be to do much of this work at one time, while it could be spread out it would cost more. Total costs of these projects are in the several hundreds of thousand dollars. Treasurer Martin McKerrow added that we have adequate resources on hand to fund some of this this allows some flexibility. It was explained that we would be unable to do the water project in the summer, but could work on the electricity anytime, so we could start with the electric and conclude with the water in Sept.

#### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Martin McKerrow reported that St. Paul’s financials are in good condition; we are moving into a pace where the cash flow is increasing with the arrival of more folks coming back to the island and pledge payments are also picking up. Unrestricted liquidity is down only slightly from the beginning of the year.

Regarding the pre-school we have set aside a significant cash balance to fund any required work in the Parish House that would be needed to accommodate a pre-school program. Steve Paradis has been charged with getting estimates from two contractors who could do the necessary work. The school could open in September. Dorothy Baker and Liz Bristow met with Sunny Daily and they are looking into grant possibilities, as pre-school is a major need on Nantucket . Liz noted there are state regulations we need to adhere to and shared that the pre-school teachers are very understanding.

At present there is more than \$50,000 in the Broll music fund and consistent with prior practices the fees for performing musicians will be paid from the fund as opposed operating assets.

#### **INVESTIMATE RESULTS**

YTD we are up over last year, we are up but the market has been up and down. “Since the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month, the funds have grown quite a bit.”

## **2024 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

Peter Barnes was delighted to report that we “have passed \$500,000 in pledges, which now stand at \$505,000.” 154 pledges; half are higher, half unchanged, and a handful have been reduced. In 2023 we received 174 pledges for a total of \$507,000. “It is a smaller group, but we’ve received more money, and they are still working on 25 folks to respond.

“*Tidings* should be ready in the next two weeks and because we are using a new designer (Eileen Powers), it will have a new look and feel.”

## **RECTOR’S REPORT**

Father Max shared that the spring dinner had just been set for the Ships Inn and will be on May 30, with Kirk and Jenny once again kindly offering to donate the wines.

The assisting Bishop will be coming on June 15 and Max needs some help since he has a wedding that day. Libby Tracey offered to pick up the bishop and her husband up when they arrive, and the bishop will preach at both Sunday services. We’ll have an upscale coffee hour after the 9:30 service. The bishop will leave on the noon boat on Monday. Max thanked everyone for their hard work.

## **WARDENS’ REPORTS**

Lucy Leske wondered about having a spring clean-up now that the Jay Craven group has left. She will work on a sort of cleanup to be held in May or early June. It was noted we do need a sexton and Lucy is going to work on a proper job description for that position.

Vicki Goss is still helping with the landscaping around the campus.

Bob Felch was pleased to share that with each new week the sound and video work appear to be improving. Stop & Shop will be selling bouquets and will donate \$1 to the St. Paul’s Suppers for the month of May for each sale of their blooming bouquets.