

## **A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the March 14, 2024 Meeting:**

### **PRESCHOOL**

#### **IDEAS**

Father Max and the Wardens have been discussing this topic; “One hundred babies were born on island and there is a need for more preschools.” Might the large backroom in the Parish House serve this purpose? Warden Lucy Leske is drawn to the idea of a preschool, “because historically St. Paul’s has had a preschool to help serve the community. This location is underutilized and if we can assist in this endeavor, we should be generous with our facility.”

Peter Barnes suggested a subcommittee be formed to study the possibility, committee will consist of Peter Barnes, CeCe Fowler, Libby Tracey, Lucy Leske, Liz Bristow and Dorothy Baker, Dorothy chair.

### **CAMPUS**

#### **REPORT**

Steve Paradis shared that John Barnes met with all the project workers; the idea is to work on Gardner Hall before anything else with water and electrical updates, HVAC possibilities, etc. The ongoing water issue in the men’s room was noted, (the kitchen line also feeds into that waterline). Father Max shared that the sound system – which is mostly wireless - within the church is in place and “so much better, and the painting around the windows is also lovely.” The choir microphones have been replaced, in a new location, and much less obvious.

### **TREASURER’SREPORT**

Treasurer Martin McKerrow noted that St. Paul’s continues to enjoy a financial condition that is consistent with our financial demands. We have adequate resources to meet known demands. It is assumed that capital projects will be tackled on a “pay as you go” status.

### **INVESTIMATE RESULTS**

Kirk Baker noted long-term assets are steady and the market has been good to us, with restricted funds up almost \$6,000. \$31,000 up from the start of the year.

### **2024 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

As of Feb. 24, there are 147 pledges totaling \$472,000, 6% higher than 2023 at this time. Half the pledges have been increased, half unchanged, and some have been reduced. Susan Coffin noted it would be helpful to send reminders to those folks yet to pledge, perhaps looking into the possibility of providing QR codes.

### **OUTREACH UPDATE**

Ready Set Read is going very well; food pantry director Ruth Pitts will be speaking at the April Donuts & Discussion. Next Laundry Love is March 21, Randy Wright could use some added hands to help. Wednesday Suppers are going great, although Sheila Daume could always use additional drivers; Online Newsletter is receiving wonderful feedback. The Warming Place is

grateful for the Weds., Supper deliveries, as is the Spanish Cancer Support Group. The Clean team is doing great things. Father Max reminded all that the Jay Craven film crew is here into May and they are supplying Weds. Suppers, which is saving the church money; Crosswinds will again be cooking the meals in May.

#### **RECTOR'S REPORT**

Father Max is keeping busy and had a meeting with the Wardens re: good communications. The Nantucket Chamber of Commerce will be using our Chapel for six hours over Daffodil Weekend in April for a shopping event, and will give us a donation for the use of the space. The Bishop's Report has arrived and Max was asked that we have them for anyone who wants them. The services being held in the Chapel are going well; it is a beautiful space and perhaps it will be used during the slower winter months, and during the 8 AM summer garden services if it rains. Max gave a shout out to Warden Bob Felch and his team; the church looks wonderful and we were very fortunate with a dedicated work crew.

#### **WARDENS' REPORTS**

Bob Felch shared that everything is positive and upbeat. The Vestry Retreat has been moved to August. St. Paul's is looking into some merchandise that we can sell - hats, aprons, decals, etc.