

## **A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the Nov 9, 2023 Meeting:**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Martin McKerrow reported that St. Paul's continues to be in good financial condition with liquidity close to beginning of the year balances. We do expect to incur capital expenses for the new lift and expenditures for roofing of Rectory and tiles for Gardner Hall. As a result, we have guarded optimism for an annual surplus of income over expenses. The Narthex project is winding down, and we will be paying final invoices in the immediate future.

### **TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

Martin McKerrow and Peter Barnes are working to update our computer systems. The PCs in use date from 2007 as does our version of Microsoft Office. The goal of the project is to move St. Paul's data including correspondence into the "cloud." They are proposing the purchase of three new HP PCs and getting a subscription to Microsoft 365 allowing us to update software, gain significant cloud storage and have faster and more flexible hardware. The Microsoft 365 for not-for-profits is only about \$65 a year, and with an application to Microsoft it can be free. They are asking the Vestry to approve the expenditure for this purpose.

### **CAMPUS REPORT**

Warden Libby Tracey shared that the rectory re-roofing has been completed. The kitchen in Gardner Hall will be cleaned by a profession crew on Monday and they will take three days; the new elevator/lift will be installed on December 4<sup>th</sup> by 101 Mobility.

### **NOMINATING REPORT**

The Nominating Committee is meeting this Sunday after church and includes, Steve Paradis, Malcolm MacNab, Anne Oliver, along with Bob Felch, Libby Tracey and Father Max.

### **2024 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Peter Barnes reported that to date we've received 57 pledges totaling \$175,000 up 3% from last year. He and Patsy Wright will be following up with the committee after Thanksgiving.

### **TOWER UPDATE**

Warden Bob Felch shared that the new replicated wainscotting "is in place and looks fantastic, it will be stained dark to match what was there and give a uniformed look." The plastering and painting should be done by Thanksgiving. The interior of the church proper will be painted as the last step; they are looking into a warmish off-white with a slightly yellowish tone. We've been fortunate to have an excellent General Contractor with Stone and Lime, and there will be a final sight visit next Thursday.

### **SUPPERS UPDATE**

Dorothy Baker explained that chefs Tim & Ruth Pitts have departed our kitchen and the Weds. Suppers will now be coming from Crosswinds restaurant, who will produce 60/63 meals a week. The October Laundry Love went well, Randy Wight needs more volunteers to help, once a month for two hours. Ready, Set, Read is going very well, now two afternoons a week because there are so many who have volunteered. The Community School is very grateful! The Outreach Newsletter will be coming

out monthly. "Donuts & Discussion" is a new program, which will be held once a month after the church service. Sunny Daily was the first speaker on Nov. 19 and she was very inspiring. Jay Riggs noted that the Befriends group is starting back up.

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

Father Max shared that his Mom is now 95 years old! He went on to explain he had gone off island for two Diocesan events; they are happy we are doing as well as we are because many churches lost people after covid, who "just never came back." We have been fortunate. Many love our church outreach programs and speak to Max on the street about them. He went to Provincetown for an installation; Advent Lessons and Carols are being planned; Olly Wolf is working hard on the Christmas Market.

#### **WARDENS' REPORTS**

Bob Felch noted what a great gift Olly Wolf is to our church, and especially her leadership of the Christmas Market. He also gave a big shout out to Curtis Barnes, "who is a special person and has been a trouper for many years as an important part of the fabric of our church." Max thanks him all the time.