

A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the Dec. 12, 2024 Meeting:

CONSENT AGENDA

Libby Tracey noted that next Thursday is the last Laundry Love for 2024, and thanked Frank Robinson for starting the program so long ago. Laundry Love takes place the third Thursday of each month from 2:30-4:30 pm and will pick back up in the New Year.

PERSONNEL

Lucy Leske discussed the personnel policy, noted where we can find it, store it, etc.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Peter Barnes reported that the Stewardship goal is \$550,000. Campaign update: gifts are trickling in.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Martin McKerrow shared that we have many pre-paid 2024 pledges coming in. We are tracking Capital Campaign pledges carefully and all pledges are receiving acknowledgment letters. The Christmas Market will net slightly less than last year but was very successful.

BUDGET REPORT

Martin handed out his printout with a break-even budget for 2025. *There was a loud round of applause for Martin all his years of service.*

CHILDHOOD ENGAGEMENT

Dorothy Baker noted that there was an unexpected turn of events with the pre-school. We will not be hosting a pre-school because Naomi has shifted her focus. So, Dorothy and Liz met with Sunny Daily at the Community Foundation of Nantucket and she shared that there are now plenty of pre-school opening across the island. They have a close relationship with Pauleen Proch at Our House. Pauleen suggests a toy lending library, similar to one on Cape Cod. "Technology/cell phones are teaching kids not to know how to play, and parents do not know how to play with their children either." Games teach young children important skills, and help with their social and emotional development. We will look into this.

GARDNER HALL EGRESS

The thought of the memorial garden being disturbed really makes an egress in that area not an option. So, the committee is revisiting the south side stairwell in to the parking lot, however it needs HDC approval, etc. Our CPC Grant request includes two egresses. Going into the parking lot is going to be **VERY** expensive.

St. Paul's is somewhat grandfathered with the old stairs given the age of the church, however, none of it is code compliant in this day and age. A three-foot retaining wall with stones to match the church will be required going into the parking lot, and cost a great deal. Max noted that we could meet halfway with a staircase, and not need to dig all the way to the floor level of Gardner Hall.

WARDEN'S REPORT

Vestry Norms: Warden Lucy Leske discussed the Vestry norms, "which are intended to provide a common guide for how we can learn, listen, agree to disagree, and work together, and which can serve as the basis for model behavior as representatives of St. Paul's Church." Bob reiterated we do not need to reinvent the wheel.

RECTOR'S REPORT

There will be a Spaghetti supper for the parish-at-large on Saturday, January 11. The Annual Meeting will be January 19 followed by a luncheon. Joel Butold will give a jazz concert on Saturday, January 25, and a jazz mass on Sunday, January 26. Both underwritten from the Nancy Broll Fund.

Olly would like ideas for a women's retreat to be held off island for a dozen or so women.

Max's sabbatical plans are falling into place.

He would like to make sure we have a policy in place for our bike program, since many workers start to come to the island in March while they will be away. Max would like his Bible Study to be covered while he is away, and wants to make sure the zoom aspect is covered. He thanked everyone all for what we are doing.

NO OTHER BUSINESS