

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Exton

MINUTES of the VESTRY MEETING
September 10, 2018

Present: Peter Adams, Art Christensen, Joanne Gillespie, Paul Heinmiller, David Kissane, Peggy LaGarde, Bil Longua, Joe O'Keefe, Susan Pigott, Peter Schiller, Kathy Sheridan, Gail Yard; **Staff:** The Rev. Maxine Dornemann, Kathryn West; **Non-Vestry:** John Gillespie, Nancy Pollock

Maxine opened the meeting with a prayer and a reading about Alexander Crummell.

Nancy Pollock proposed that the Vestry allocate \$1,400 from the Missions Trust Fund to Friends Association and \$1,000 to Community Volunteers in Medicine. Peggy moved, Kathy seconded, the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Gail moved to approve the July minutes as written, Dave seconded, motion passed. Peggy and Joe abstained.

Peggy moved to approve the August minutes as written, Art seconded, motion passed.

Finance Report

Paul presented the finance report for July and August.

Maxine briefly discussed a new idea for the clergy transition process, and requested that her contract be extended for another three years at the most. Peter A moved that the Vestry extend Maxine's contract for no more than three years. Joanne seconded, the motion passed. Joe abstained, since he has submitted his resignation to the Vestry.

Art suggested that the Vestry officially recognize and thank Joe for his years of service to the church.

Maxine and the Vestry members will put together a committee made up of Vestry and non-Vestry members that will create a plan and a timeline for the transition process.

Property Committee

John distributed and presented three options from Superior Seal Coating for repairing the cracks and repainting lines on the parking lot.

Peter sent John a proposal done last year by Macanga for significantly less cost.

At Susan's suggestion, John will get some specs for the project and put it out for three bids.

John discussed our proposal to Williamson College of the Trades for the community service project of building a handicapped ramp and entrance to our church.

Various small plumbing repairs have been completed and are in process at the moment. John will keep the Vestry updated.

Name Tags

Bil presented the redesigned magnetic badges. He has the list of member names, and the design still needs to be finalized.

Education

The Sunday School Open House last Friday went very well. The Adult Forum was off to a good start last Sunday with a large number in attendance, and Breakfast clean up was done after service.

The Book Club will resume in September. We may host author Eliza Griswold in October.

EfM will begin tomorrow night for the next year.

Stewardship

Art reported that the new committee, consisting of Mike Listmeier, Susan Pigott, Maxine and himself, will meet soon. Their particular focus this year will be non-pledgers. Kickoff event will be tentatively on Sunday, October 28th, wrapping up by Thanksgiving. Pictures of families, groups in ministry are needed.

Upcoming Events

Maxine briefly discussed our effort as a church to address the poverty in our local community. We may be partnering in some way with some agencies of the United Way of Chester County.

Blessing of the Animals will be on Sunday, October 7th.

AngelFest is coming up on October 12th and 13th. Big ticket items for the Live Auction are needed.

Bell Ceremony will be moved to November 18th.

Wreaths Across America will be held here in mid-December.

Maxine will hold a New Member reception soon.

Peggy suggested that a Vestry member or two attend the various ministry events throughout the year.

The next Vestry Meeting will be on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn West