

Vestry Minutes: April 20, 2011
(Approved 06/15/2011)

Members present: Sara Milford, Charlie Russell, Dale Green, Alan Wilbourn,
Jeremy Pate, Greg Puckett, Shea Widener, Martha McNair,
Christy Smith, Christine Klinger, Terri Chadick

Member absent: Ellen Hayward

Staff present: Fr. Grisham, Suzi Freeman

I. Fr. Grisham began the meeting with a prayer.

In the absence of a clerk, Martha McNair agreed to take minutes.

II. Old Business

- A. The church still needs to be thoroughly cleaned. Suzi will discuss arrangements with Laura. Lowell will assist as needed (with the arrangements, not the cleaning).

III. New Business

No new business was presented.

IV. The Rector's Report

- A. Janet Oxford has resigned her position as director of the nursery. Laura Wilkins, with the assistance of Amanda Robinson and Kate King, will assume her duties. The vestry agreed to send a letter of thanks to Janet and the Oxford family.
- B. Lowell reported on his recent visit to the Greensboro, North Carolina, parish church (and its priest, Father Tim), which is similar in size and situation to St. Paul's. It has committed to manage growth through the acquisition of adjacent property. It has added to and upgraded its servant leadership program (a model for St. Paul's program originally). Lowell will report to the Long Range Planning Committee and to the Servant Leadership leadership about his observations and suggestions.
- C. Easter services overflow will be held in the parish hall and, because of technology improvements, will be more clearly accessible to parishioners and other worshippers.
- D. The organ goal fund has been met (jubilation all around). Charlie Rigsby, Choirmaster, is telling the choir this evening.
- E. The first contribution to the Tibetan refugee center in Dharamsala is sufficient for this year. A few more monthly pledges are needed for sustaining this commitment. Perhaps the visit of the Dalai Lama will

create interest. (Here followed a general discussion of the visit of the Dalai Lama on May 11.)

- F. St. Paul's will be the setting for the Rotary fundraiser on Thursday evening. It is possible that parking for the Maundy Thursday service will be affected.
 - G. The Healing Touch ministry is flourishing and is to be appreciated and admired. Ann Andrews and Suzanne Stoner are doing a great job. Sara Milford added that more volunteers would be helpful. St. Paul's teams of four are modeling their effort after a Memphis program which has teams of seven.
 - H. The new seniors groups are flourishing as well.
 - I. The respite program for caregivers of Alzheimers victims will begin on June 30. It will last from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The program is overseen by a committee including Fr. Grisham
 - J. Thanks to Christine Klinger for her continuing work on the hall.
- V. The Senior Warden reported that Fr. Grisham and Suzi Freeman will be unable to attend a meeting on the regularly scheduled date for May, the eighteenth. The vestry could meet that day (and anticipate a shorter meeting) or commute the date until the next week and meet on May 25. The vestry, ever diligent, chose the latter.
- VI. The Junior Warden's Report
- A. The Gaia Guild, specifically Michele Halsell, has spoken to him about beginning a fundraising effort for underwriting LED lighting for the facility. There is an offer to donate motion sensors. This plan is in the beginning stages. Suzi added that Beaver Electric is experimenting with LED lighting in the bell tower and asked that vestry members look at it after 9:00 p.m. and let her know their impressions and opinions.
 - B. Charlie asked Dale to contact Linda Eilers who has mentioned donating a sign for the front of the building. She has seen a sign on a church she visited and thinks it would enhance St. Paul's.
 - C. Following a discussion about where the sign might actually be placed, Shea Weidner pointed out that the rock wall in front of the church seems to be leaning forward precipitously. Suzi gave a brief account of the wall/sidewalk/tree root situation and recommended that we wait as it "goes its own way."

D. Shea reported that the plans for remodeling the library are in progress and that fundraising might be in order for completing the project. Charlie suggested that it might be possible to combine the fundraising efforts under a general-improvements category.

VII. The Administrator's report

- A. Suzi presented a letter from Charlie Rigsby asking that Beau Baldwin be named Assistant Organist and Choirmaster at St. Paul's. There is no salary attached to the position, but the agreement of the vestry will formalize the position Beau has filled for the "past several years," and will allow him to include the information on his resume. The vestry readily agreed, complimenting the work of both Beau and Charlie.
- B. Suzi presented the monthly financial reports which were approved by the vestry, according to Terri Chadick's motion and Sara Milford's acceptance. (At some point in her Sara said that Suzi is amazing, which Suzi appreciated).

VIII. Other Business

- A. Sara announced that there will be a potluck lunch at St. Martin's on the third Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m., prior to Holy Eucharist at 12:30, which is always over by 1:00. There is a brown-bag lunch prior to Holy Eucharist on the other three Thursdays.

IX. The minutes for the March meeting were approved as emailed and posted.

The vestry was reminded that the next meeting will occur on Wednesday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Grisham closed the meeting with a prayer. After adjournment, several members of the staff and vestry went to the front of the church (even though it wasn't dark) to see the LED lighting in the bell tower.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha McNair