

Vestry Minutes: August 17, 2011
approved 09/21/11

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

Members absent: Ellen Hayward, Terri Chadick

Staff present: Fr. Grisham, Suzi Freeman

Also attending: Loyd Swope, Diocesan Executive Committee

- 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. Suzi Freeman reported that the contract for upgrading the organ has been signed. The company is Nichols and Simpson (Little Rock, Arkansas). The amount is \$121, 880. 00.

- III. New Business

- A. Dale Green proposed, based on information from a report compiled by Bill Mitchell and Mac Mayfield, that the lighting in the church should be made more efficient by the replacement of fluorescent bulbs with LED lights and by adding some motion detectors. The changes will represent a savings of approximately 11,000.00 kilowatt hours and \$1100.00 per year. Alan Wilbourn seconded the motion, which passed.

- IV. The Rector's Report

- A. Fr. Grisham reported that Suzanne Stoner's difficulty with a virus in her eye—a very painful condition—eased and perhaps healed during church services two weeks ago. She is now on vacation.
- B. The McMichael speaker, The Reverend Fred Burnham, will occur this Saturday night, August 20, preceded by a St. Spatula's reception.
- C. This weekend Lowell be travel to Camp Mitchell to speak to the youth gathering.
- D. Christy Adams is retiring from her leadership position for EFM. The new co-mentors will be Julie Schultz and Kathy Walton. The vestry agreed to send Ms. Adams a note of thanks, especially for bringing the struggling program into stability and for raising the level of the program.
- E. A new Servant Leadership class has begun.

V. The Senior Warden's report

- A. Charlie reminded the vestry that the stewardship campaign will begin on October 29 and that members should be considering nominations for vestry members to replace Ellen Hayward, Dale Green, Shea Weidner, and Charlie Russell, who will be completing their terms.
- B. Charlie reported that he and Lowell had met with "in-house" architects to ask for more precise plans to use in the long-range planning committee meetings. The purpose is to direct the meetings to more specific considerations about providing sufficient worship, program, and office space. The estimated cost will be \$7500.00, and can be taken from the recently received bequest from the estate of Virginia Sharp or the bequest honoring Sally Glass. The architects Bob Kelly and Brett and Stacy Park will work together to design the plans.

VI. The Junior Warden's Report

- A. Dale expresses his appreciation to the Klingers and to Suzi for the recent improvements to St. Paul's. Suzi added her appreciation for the work of Randy Ryan, who replaced the doors near the youth center as well as tuckpointing the mortar in the garth.

VII. The Administrator's Report

- A. Suzi reviewed the Treasurer's dialogue with the vestry, noting that pledge payments are down, probably because of less regular attendance in the summer. She also noted that air conditioner difficulties had plagued the church, resulting in the need to buy two new compressors.
- B. Suzi asked that the financial reports for July and August be approved by the vestry. Charlie Russell so moved. The motion passed.
- C. Suzi presented a letter from the attorneys dealing with the sale of a house which is part of the estate of Bernice Helen Dunaway. (The estate left equal bequests to St. Paul's and to the Fayetteville Public Library.) The letter informs the vestry of the request for the names of members prior to a lawsuit which will probably be filed.

VIII. Other Business

- A. Loyd Swope reported to the vestry that he has now attended three Executive Council meetings and is beginning to acquire some sense of what is going on. The work of the Council is currently the drafting and revising of several personnel policies, which he will provide updates about as available.

- B. Shea Weidner asked about the progress on the parish directory, restating the increasing urgent need for access to members' names, addresses, and photographs. Fr. Grisham reported that it is to be available by August 28, the date of the Ministry Fair. Suzi volunteered to send .pdf files of the parish membership to members of the vestry.
 - C. Lowell added that the next electronic update will be the revamping of the parish web page.
- IX. The minutes for the May and June meetings were approved as emailed and posted.

The vestry was reminded that the next meeting will occur on Wednesday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Grisham closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha McNair