SAINT PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
February 2, 2020

There was a special meeting of the Vestry of Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill, on the above date at noon in the education wing’s conference room.

There were present Ruth Desiderio, Rector’s Warden, presiding; also Interim Rector the Rev. Canon Albert J. Ogle, and Tim Albert, Chip Butler, Steve Camp-Landis, Cheyenne DeMulder, Clark Groome, John Kimberly, George McNeely, Tabitha Oman, Kristen Poole, and Louise Thompson. St. Paul’s Director of Music Andy Kotylo and Music Guild co-chairperson Wendy Munyon were the Vestry’s guests.

Lisa Budd, Mark Duckett, Steve Pearson and Hugh Williamson were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m.

I. Rector’s Warden Ruth Desiderio opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. Review of the proposed organ repair contract submitted by Russell & Co. was the meeting’s sole agenda item.

III. While Music Director Andy Kotylo and the Vestry are very positive about having Russell & Co. do the work on the organ, several issues in the contract were identified as needing to be clarified or changed.

One of the concerns is that there is the possibility, slight as it is, that some of the tenets of the contract will cost the parish more than the basic $1,809,450 for the work. Andy said that the potential addition should be no more than nine or 10 percent, which is still within the $2 million given for this work. If it goes over that, there is money in the Stookey fund to cover the overage.

After much discussion it was moved that “The Vestry provisionally approves working with Russell & Co. contingent upon ironing out the details of the contract.” The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Andy, Chip Butler, Louise Thompson, and parishioner and lawyer Rod Gagné (who reviewed the contract at the parish’s request and raised some of the questions to be addressed with Stephen Russell) will meet with Mr. Russell by conference call soon –
possibly this coming Tuesday – to deal with the Vestry’s concerns. If this group reports that the differences have been satisfactorily worked out, that will be reported to the Vestry and no further meeting will be needed. The revised contract can then be signed.

The Vestry was enthusiastic about its support of and appreciation for the hard work and the expertise that Andy brings to this project.

At 12:58 p.m. the Vestry went into executive session.

IV. The next regular meeting of the Vestry will be on Monday, February 24, 2020 in the Rectory.

V. Following Albert Ogle’s closing prayer, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Groome
Secretary