SAINT PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
May 17, 2020

There was a Zoom meeting of the Vestry of Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill, on the above date immediately following the parish’s 165th annual meeting.

There were present Ruth Desiderio, Rector’s Warden, presiding; also Interim Rector Albert J. Ogle, Assistant Rector Daniel J. Kline, and Vestry members Lisa Budd, Chip Butler, Steve Camp-Landis, Cheyenne DeMulder, Mark Duckett, Clark Groome, John Kimberly, George McNeely, Steve Pearson, Kristen Poole, Louise Thompson, and Hugh Williamson. Music Director Andy Kotylo was the Vestry’s guest.

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

I. Interim Rector Albert Ogle opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. The minutes of the May 11, 2020 Vestry meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Steve Pearson was unanimously elected Parishioners’ Warden.

IV. Steve Camp-Landis was unanimously elected Accounting Warden.

V. Clark Groome was unanimously elected Secretary.

VI. Cheyenne DeMulder and Mark Duckett were unanimously elected as Coordinating Committee members-at-large.

VII. The Vestry then had a lengthy discussion about the contract with Walker Technical Company, the supplier of the substitute organ that we will use after our organ is removed for renovation and restoration.

The main concerns were about when the organ would be installed and whether or not the church’s insurance would cover the instrument. A committee of Andy Kotylo, Chip Butler, Louise Thompson, and Hugh Williamson will iron out these issues and report to the Vestry.

In the meantime it was moved that the Walker contract be provisionally approved pending the report from the committee about the two contingencies. Duly seconded, the motion was passed with one abstention.

VIII. Clark reported that he will send the Vestry the current bylaws and the document from the diocese entitled “The Plan for Return - Living with COVID-19.”

Clark also said that the latest Vestry contact sheet will be attached to these minutes.
IX. John Kimberly emphasized the need for clear and frequent communications about what is happening at St. Paul’s. It’s vital, he said, to keep the parish informed.

He also reiterated the need to promote the upcoming Financial Education Zoom meetings scheduled for May 21 at 7 p.m., May 24 at 11:30 a.m. and June 2 at 7 p.m.

X. Kristen Poole and Steve Camp-Landis, reflecting on the annual meeting held earlier today, noted that it was important for the Vestry to create and approve the parish’s financial policies and the responsibilities of the rector, the finance committee, and the Vestry. These policies should be in writing and available to the parish. Steve suggested that this would be something we could work on over the summer. Kristen also said that she thought the Zoom format for the annual meeting worked very well.

XI. The next meeting of the Vestry will be on Monday June 15, 2020, at 7 p.m.

XII. Following Dan Kline’s closing prayer, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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