SAINT PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
July 27, 2020

There was a Zoom meeting of the Vestry of Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill, on the above date at 7 p.m.

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

Kristen Poole was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

II. The minutes of the July 14, 2020, Vestry meeting were approved unanimously.

III. Accounting Warden Steve Camp-Landis reported on the following:

   A. Steve presented an amended budget that transfers money from hospitality and snow removal to pay for the consultants for Stewardship ($2,000) and the website ($3,000). Moved and seconded, the amended budget was passed unanimously.

   B. The Contract for Business Technology (BTC) to refresh the parish website was approved unanimously.

   C. The budget for the organ restoration was presented. This is, Steve said, the result of the efforts of a lot of people on the Music Guild and Finance and Property committees. It reflects the agreement that the Stookey Fund will cover any expenses above those paid for by the original $2 million gift and the projected $28,000 interest income. That is currently projected to be $42,000. After much discussion, approval of the organ restoration budget was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

   D. The contract with Walker Technical Company, Inc, covers the monthly rental of a temporary electronic organ at a cost of $2,160/month and the upgrading of the organ’s existing digital stops at an estimated cost of $25,195. The monthly rental charges will begin after the instrument is installed, likely to be this October or November, and run until the original organ is reinstalled sometime in early 2022.

   Acceptance of the contract was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Vestry thanked all involved with moving this project along, with special thanks for the help and support of the Music Guild and the Stookey Fund.
IV. Property Chairman Mark Duckett reported

- That the flêche is in very good shape. The Vertical Access report saves $79,000 of that project, money that can be used elsewhere where needed.
- The parish’s connection to the sewer may begin in early September.
- Construction in the Parish Hall is likely to begin in October.

V. Stewardship Chairman George McNeely reported that the committee, which he says has been “reenergized with several new members,” is meeting every other week to plan the 2021 annual giving campaign.

VI. Albert reported that the return to live worship is going well. It was suggested that for those services held inside the church the window fans be utilized to help circulate the air.

The 11 a.m. service will continue to be live streamed.

Albert also said that the Alcoholics Anonymous groups will no longer meet at the church but will continue their meetings in small groups at people’s homes or on Zoom.

The Music Academy has not yet shared its plans.

VII. Albert and Assistant Rector Dan Kline will split their weekend time with one celebrating the Saturday Eucharist and serving as the chaplain for all Zoom events on Sunday and the other will preach and celebrate at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday services.

VIII. We agreed to meet again on Monday, August 17 at 7 p.m. Still to be scheduled is a follow-up meeting with consultant Carrie Schofield-Broadbent for late August.

Rector’s Warden Ruth Desiderio thanked the hosts and facilitators of the recent Community Conversations. She also thanked the Vestry for its dedication and hard work.

IX. The next meeting of the Vestry will be on Zoom on Monday, August 17 at 7 p.m.

X. Following Dan’s closing prayer, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Groome
Secretary