

## **Vestry Minutes | November 19, 2024**

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Present: Stan Alexander, Deacon Otto Anderson, Charlie Campbell, Dana Cunningham, Bob Neben (Treasurer), Cheryl Strine, Bee Tanner, Kathleen Walters, Randy Young (Finance Chair), Jay Woodhull, senior warden; Mike Miller, junior warden; Fr. Christian Baron

Absent: Linda Bumiller, Joe Cairo

Meeting opened at 5:30 p.m. with a Godly Play session led by Ruth Anne Alexander.

Dana Cunningham was appointed as clerk for the meeting; Father Christian started the business portion of the meeting with a prayer.

### **Approval of October Meeting Minutes**

Motion to Approve: Jay Woodull      2<sup>nd</sup>: Charlie Campbell      Approved by acclamation

### **New Business**

#### **2025 Stewardship**

There will be a 4-week stewardship appeal during Advent.

**Action item:** Jay will kick-off on Sunday, December 1. Fr. Christian will work the timeline with staff.

#### **Update on Godly Judgment from Bishop White (DSO Canon XVI)**

The last communication from diocese is that Bishop White will respond to St. Paul's after the Thanksgiving holiday.

#### **Appointment of Nominating Committee**

A nominating committee has been tapped and will convene on November 26. Members include outgoing vestry members Dana Cunningham and Charlie Campbell, as well as Paul Sampson, Pat Harbert, and Chris Saunders. Fr. Christian will participate ex officio.

**Action item:** An announcement of the committee will be made by Fr. Christian November 24 and posted in the eNews.

### **Old Business**

#### **Updates to Code of Regulations**

Recommended updates have been reviewed by legal counsel in preparation for presentation at Annual Meeting in February, 2025.

**Action item:** Jay will forward document (with edits showing) to Lois to place in Vestry folder on Google Drive.

## **Communication – Engaging with Ministry Architects**

Contract has been signed. Mike Miller, Charlie Campbell and Kathleen Walters had initial meeting with Carrie, our Ministry Architect contact. Fr. Christian is working with staff to provide some requested information. Sher Patrick will assist through year-end, and St. Paul's expresses sincere gratitude for her service.

## **Ceasing Charter for Cub Scout Pack 101**

The terms & conditions of the transition have been agreed upon by all parties and will be forwarded to Boy Scout Council for final review/approval. Once finalized two checks will be prepared from Scout account held by St. Paul's: \$1500 to the church and remaining to Pack 151. Mike Miller has also reached out to Troop 320 regarding camping equipment that can be donated to them.

Little Acorn Academy is interested in the space previously occupied by the Scouts, and will submit a proposal to Vestry for review in December.

Related, Randy Young will reach out Western Ohio Girl Scout Council to extend an invitation to any local troop that may be displaced by a recent decision by the Catholic Diocese of Cincinnati regarding Girl Scouts.

## **Committee/Team Reports**

Committee/Team Reports were provided for Property, Outreach, Finance and Parish Life. Specific actions as needed are noted below.

### **Finance**

Income was favorable due to reimbursements from the diocese for Fr. Christian's salary. The budgetary process is on hold pending the godly judgment from Bishop White which will help to determine the church's best next steps.

Following a conversation regarding the Bishop's announcement earlier this year to reduce Mission Share, the following motion was made by Charlie Campbell:

**Motion:** The wardens will approach the diocese in writing to initiate a Mission Share Review process before the December 31, 2024 deadline.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Cheryl Strine      Approved by acclamation.

### **Parish Life**

Reminder to bring friends to Italian Fest on Wednesday, November 27, and to help with clean up if available.

Deacon Otto offered closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 17, 2024