

Vestry Actions, April, 2018 By Dual Macintyre, Clerk of the Vestry

A summary of the actions taken by the Vestry at its April 12, 2018 meeting.

Summer Fair update: Sharon Robinson

The date for this year's Fair will be **Thursday, July 12th** and Kidstreet will again be free as the result of a generous donation from the Day Foundation. Sharon is concerned about the lack of volunteers, particularly on the adult side of the Fair. In particular, we need a chair for the Silent Auction and help in getting high-ticket items for the auction. Although some tables have coordinators, many remain without someone to coordinate volunteers and donations.

Treasurer's report: Frank Robinson

The financial results for March were reviewed and it was noted that two new bank accounts have been established to hold funds related to the Cuba mission and, separately, for the Laundry Love mission. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's report.

2017 Parochial report: Frank Robinson

The 2017 Parochial report for St. Paul's church was presented. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the Parochial report.

Tower report: Luke Thornewill

The problems with the mortar in the tower have been found to be worse than expected. In some spots the bedding mortar has completely disintegrated into damp sand leaving the stones unsupported and able to be moved by hand. The contractor has changed his approach to adopt a "checkerboard" pattern of replacing the bedding mortar which will stabilize loose stones first.

Vestry workshop follow-up: Pam Goddard

Two new committees have been added to the list developed at the Vestry workshop on February 19th: Outreach and Music and Worship.

Report from Bishop Gates: Pam Goddard

Bishop Gates has sent us a candidate for Priest-in-charge who has passed all the required screening. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the Bishop's candidate. The person's name will not be made public until a coordinated announcement can be made between the parishes involved.

The following motion was then made,

"The Vestry of St. Paul's church, on behalf of all its parishioners, would like to acknowledge and thank the Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, for his outstanding guidance, tireless effort and personal commitment in the search for a Priest-in-Charge for this church." The motion was seconded, approved unanimously, and followed by rousing applause.

Music Director: Pam Goddard

The new Music Director, Joe Hammer, will be arriving in late May and his first Sunday will be June 3rd.

The meeting was opened and closed with prayers and reflections by Libby Tracey.