

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

A summary of the actions taken by the Vestry at its June 14, 2018 meeting.

Priest-In-Charge:

The Wardens welcomed the Rev. Max Wolf as our new Priest-In-Charge who will formally assume his duties on June 15th.

Treasurer's report: Frank Robinson

The financial results for May were reviewed and the Treasurer introduce Vestry Resolution No. 2018-6-1 dealing the requirements of *26 U.S. Code § 107*, which permits a clergy-person to exclude from gross income the fair rental value of a rectory, provided it is furnished as part of his or her compensation. A motion was made to approve Vestry Resolution No. 2018-6-1. It was seconded and approved unanimously. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report. Three members of the Vestry volunteered to assist in the audit of the Church's financial processes for 2017, which will be held on July 16th.

Finance Committee report: Martin Mckerrow

Martin reported that the Finance committee had met and developed a set of investment guidelines for St. Paul's, which had been distributed by email. He reviewed the highlights and a motion was then made, seconded and approved unanimously to approve the guidelines.

Buildings and Grounds: Luke Thornewill

Luke reported the tower restoration work is almost complete and that he, our consultant and the contractor are very pleased with the result. The shutters are being painted now and will be reinstalled in about a week and that two layers of mesh will be used to reduce the level of rainwater that can be blown in by strong winds. He noted the interior wall of the tower was found to be stable and in good condition. Our consultant, Brian Pfeiffer, will submit a final report with recommendations for ongoing maintenance of the restored tower

Plastics/Recycling: Lucy Leske

Lucy noted that the church uses a number of plastic items such as eating utensils, plates and cups and that these items are not always segregated for recycling after coffee hours or other church events. She volunteered to supply some of the blue recycling bins to aid in this effort and she will meet with the Fellowship Committee to explore other ways to reduce the church's use of disposable plastic items. The Vestry expressed strong support for this effort.

Warden's reports: Lou Gennaro and Pam Goddard

Lou and Pam encouraged the Vestry to help the Fair Committee in any way possible. The Gift Chalet and Hodge Podge are still short of items.

Lou asked that the Vestry agree to provide three parking spaces on Friday evenings during the summer so that elderly or handicapped members of the Jewish congregation could more easily attend services at the Unitarian Church. This was the same courtesy we offered last year and the Vestry agreed to continue the practice.

Closing Prayer – Rev. Max Wolf

The meeting was opened and closed with prayers and reflections by Martin McKerrow..