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Rector: the Rev. Elisabeth E. Tunney

Parish Administrator: Ronny Pliszak

Parish Ministers: All the People of St. Paul's

Vestry Highlights

Report on Harvest Fair: 20 vendors participated

Gross Income \$2,235.00 (not all expenses have been recorded yet)

*Weather was perfect, many parishioners volunteered time, and talent and treasures, fire truck came to celebrate Fire Safety Week. Overall feedback from the vendors and those who attended was positive.

*Community Breakfast Scheduled for 10/20. Stewardship Committee and Vestry will provide the food.

*Mo Liz showed the Vestry a picture of a wooden cross that will be light in weight to use as a processional cross for the young acolytes, since the existing ones are too heavy. The Vestry approved the purchase of the cross.

*We discussed the formation of the nominating committee to establish a slate of potential vestry persons for the Annual Meeting.

*The electrician will be coming to repair the lights in the kitchen and install a light over the ramp to discourage vagrancy. The plumber will come to repair the toilet in the Phipps Hall.

*Repair on the wooden trim at the rear of the church was discussed

*A decision was made to send a donation of \$25 to the Patchogue Ambulance Company.

*A decision was made to Adopt-A-Family through St. John's Hospital. Ronny will get the information and post it in the bulletin for the donations.

*The Food Pantry will post the list for donations for the Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

*The Buildings and Grounds .Committee did a huge amount of work cleaning and rearranging furniture and put the Chapel in the Kindercare room and it looks wonderful!

STEWARDSHIP

Participating in our community of faith through giving

November is the month when we remember all of the saints of God who fought the good fight and kept their

faith to the end of their lives. We believe that when life is done, we will be resurrected, and Jesus will shine the light of the way for us and take us home to His heavenly kingdom. All we have to do is keep the faith and believe.

The light of the way is Jesus. Light was the first thing that God bestowed upon the Earth in Genesis, and the son of God is the light of the world. The Latin mass for the dead refers to light as "Lux". Lux aeternam luceat eis Domine means "may light eternal shine on them Oh Lord." The light of the world, Jesus is just about the most important thing there is, and light was and is our first "lux"ury.

Although the light of our savior is free, we should consider the generosity of the source. Without our wonderful church, where would we be? When making your pledge this November, think of it as paying to keep the lights on and the light of the world coming into our lives. And may God bless each and every one of us.

Respectfully submitted for the stewardship committee by
Scott Harris

Laura Cooley, Scott Harris, Martin Minogue, Conni Still, Phyllis Voegeli



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Summary Minutes of the October 8, 2019 -- Building and Grounds Committee

Present: Bill Beebe, Scott Harris, Dee Laffin and Mo. Liz
Absent: Gail Davis (ill)

Meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business:

Photos were shown of the significant cleanup results in the Parish Hall basement. Dee and Gail will continue their work in the coming month.

Roof leak in the St. Nicholas Wing was repaired and new ceiling tile will be located/installed as soon as possible.

Dee reported that approximately \$115.00 was made at the B&G yard sale tables during our recent harvest fair.

The large altar in Chapel was moved to shed in anticipation of the creation of an organized storage and meeting room design for the current space.

Discussion of creating and installing an enclosed sign for the outside of the back entrance to the parish hall has been postponed until the next meeting.

New Business:

Possible design for the new Chapel location and Kindercare Room will be discussed with suggestions from parish and committee members.

Mo. Liz requested that we install a light directed at the top end of the ramp to deter homeless folks, and/or others, from sleeping or congregating on our church entrance. An electrician will be at the church to give an estimate on Monday, Oct. 21.

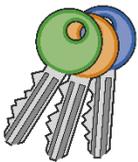
A clean-up day will be scheduled next month to prepare for the winter. Snow fencing from our basement will be installed to reduce snow accumulations on our driveways.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Laffin

Best wishes from your B&G team   

Bill Beebe, Diane Butler, Gail Davis, Scott Harris, Teresa Julian and Dee Laffin



Do You Have Keys To Our St. Paul's Kingdom?

If you have keys to any door in the church or parish hall please let Ronny Pliszak parish administrator know. List your name and your contact information, phone and

email. Thank you.



"Christ has ... no other hands but yours"

St. Teresa of Avila

Raise the Roof

Thanks to all who have contributed to this and who continue to do so; we'll have updates for you in a couple of months. It's not too late to begin to pledge, the work is ongoing, see the office for a pledge card.

Thanks and Acknowledgments

Dee Laffin and the B&G Crew for all their hard work.

Cathie Pliszak for all her hard work to run a successful Harvest Fair and all her helpers.

Please include in your prayers this month:

Craig Shaber, Dylan & Family, Ed Smith, Linda Bocca, Mike, Marcy, Lillian Hemmert, Janis McEvoy, Nikki, Phyllis Trypuc, Martin Gunkel, Bill Whyland, Jeannine Cranor, Steven Wallner, Emeka Azinge, Conni Still, Pauline Minogue, Rosemary & Larry Smith, Seamus Butler, Fred Miller, Dawn, Joanne, Kenny, Melissa Dengeles, Janine Hope, Mary Anne Musacke, John Zahner, Susan Dykman, Lucille Clark, Sylvia Radford, Michael Russo, Tim Perry, Marilyn Moonan, Sharon Minogue, Lillian Coulton, Kay Moretta, Laney, Sara Lonchar, Tony Bennet, Patty Lapinski, Marion Shea

Prayer for the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Those who are serving in the armed forces and their families:

Samantha Schwartz, Nicolas LoRusso

Thrift Shop Doings

The thrift shop is doing well and our new cash register is able to show us exactly where our sales are coming from. We have divided the shop into many departments and you can see which department brings in what percentage of our income. It is not perfect because we were adding departments as the month progressed but next month will be even more accurate.

It is so wonderful to know how well the different groups of people at St. Paul's work so well together. Yesterday as I was finishing up the Thrift Shop, Dee and Scott (B&G and Vestry) were moving furniture in several rooms in the parish hall and then the three of us discussed some of the rearranging of function of the areas. Then we all went to leave and Dee spotted a plastic bag on the table by the exit doors. She looked inside and realized it contained a few personal items and a wallet with a considerable amount of money in it. We checked with the woman who was cleaning Phipps Hall and it was not hers. So we looked through the wallet and finally I found a card and recognized an id card with one of the customers who is a regular of the thrift shop. Her phone number was on the bag with the money in it. After a few tries I was able to reach her and she hadn't even realized that she had misplaced her bag. She lives in the apartment building across the street, so Scott took the bag to her and she met him at the door and was very appreciative that we found it and called her.

Good team work for a happy ending!

Jeannine Cranor and Conni Still



Volunteers are needed to host the coffee hours after the 8 and 10 o'clock services. Sharon

Minogue will give you all the instruction on how to make delicious coffee and where all the equipment is kept,

St. Clare's Guild

St. Clare's Guild will resume meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, after the Chapel Holy Eucharist Service at 12:15. Bring your lunch and we can resume working on projects for donations, instruction or for sale at the next fundraiser. We welcome any newcomers and apologize for those who are unable to make this time frame, but we had to make accommodations for the rest of the group. Hope you can join us in the future.



SAVE THE DATES!

Right Away- Sign up sheet for the food fixings for the Thanksgiving dinner is on the office door.

Right Away- Tickets available for a chance on the Grandmother's Clock in the office and in the thrift shop. \$1/ticket or 6 for \$5. Drawing December 21, 2019

October 28, 2019 7 PM Craft Night-Fund raiser. Make a Give Thanks wooden pumpkin plaque- \$35

November 3, 2019 All Saints Day- Ingathering of our Financial Pledges for 2020

November 16, 2019 Dia De Los Muertos, benefiting the Lakeview Cemetery. See office for details.

November 24, 2019 Deliver Adopt-A-Family Food for Thanksgiving by 11:30 am or Monday, November 25th after 5pm. The St. Paul's Food Pantry will be distributing the Thanksgiving Baskets on Tuesday, November 26.



Community Breakfast



Zoe on the Fire Truck



Harvest Fair



Dee and B&G Crew cleaned the basement!



Fire Safety Week brought a Fire Truck



New Chapel and Kindercare Room



Martin and Summer Acolytes



The Dismissal by the young people



Repurposed meeting and storage room



Repair and replace the wood trim and squirrel holes



Blessing of the Animals