

**The 168th Annual Parish Meeting
And Reports
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Richmond, Indiana
January 21, 2007**

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Agenda
168th Annual Meeting
January 21, 2007

- 1. Opening Prayer**
- 2. Election of Clerk for this meeting**
- 3. Minutes of 167th Meeting**
- 4. Report of the Nominating Committee**
- 5. Election for
 Vestry
 Convention and Deanery Delegates and Alternates**
- 6. Receiving of Reports**
- 7. Questions and discussion of reports**
- 8. Expression of Gratitude to those who have served during the past years**
- 9. Adjournment**

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The 167th Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Episcopal Church was called to order by Senior Warden, Jean Gifford at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2006. Mollie Williams led those in attendance in prayer.

Clerk of Meeting

Sharon Quinlan was asked and agreed to take the minutes. Dana Weigle made a motion to accept and Bobbie Winchester seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Bobbie Winchester made a motion that the minutes of the 166th Annual Meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Erma Rich and the minutes were approved.

Nominating Committee Recommendations and Election

The nominating committee recommended that the following parishioners be elected to the Vestry:

Jim Burkhart

Barbara Eastman

Jean Weigle

Jean Weigle made a motion that the Vestry nominations be accepted. The motion was seconded by George Eastman and the motion carried.

Nominations for the Convention Delegates were named as follows:

Jane Parks

Jean Gifford

Jean Weigle moved to accept the nominations. The motion was seconded by Barbara Hameetman and was carried.

Nominated as alternates to the convention were:

Pam Miller

Jane Moss

Jean Weigle moved to accept the nominations. The motion was seconded by Ann Hanes and carried.

Committee Reports and Open Discussion

The question was asked why the search process was taking so long to get started by the vestry. Mollie, and a few vestry members, explained to the congregation that in the beginning they thought they were ready to proceed. After months of discussion the vestry was told by the

Diocese to rethink their process. A direct quote from The Interim Rector's report states 'It has taken some time to get moving. And, there have been different understandings of what 'getting moving' would entail. The Vestry has worked hard to come to a common understanding of the next steps for St. Paul's. In coming to this understanding we have developed increased trust through honest communication. The Vestry has grown in its understanding of its ministry of leadership. We had important support along the way from Canon Paula Franck who facilitated our Mutual Ministry Review in the late summer and most recently from Bishop Waynick, Canon Marsha Gebuhr and Canon Peder Berdahl. Having gone through the above process this past year, the vestry now feels, with this new direction, they are ready to 'get moving'.

It was brought up that the congregation feels there is poor communication between the vestry and themselves. They feel they are not being kept abreast of the vestry's progress in a timely manner. They also feel church information is not getting out in time. The parishioners feel they were much better informed when the monthly bulletin was mailed out. It was suggested that the outside message board be changed weekly to announce meeting changes and announcements etc. The congregation was reminded to check the inside bulletin board and ask questions when something is not clear or bothering them. There is always a vestry member in attendance at every service. Do not rely on the grapevine to get the facts.

Mollie was asked to define and clarify 'three-quarter time' as stated in her report. Her reply was, she will not be in church during the week except by appointments only. She will be at St. Paul's for Wednesday's and Sunday's Holy Eucharist. She was asked and agreed to put this in writing so that people know what to do and expect in a time of need. She also said she is always available via her cell phone.

Barbara Hameetman explained some line items on the Budget. A question was asked why the motion to move \$1,000, from last year's annual meeting, into the music/organ category. It was stated that contributions were made from several parishioners to cover the expenses needed. Barb also stated that she will be filling out grant forms and submit them as soon as possible. Questions about the heating expenses were brought up and it was recommended that an energy audit be made. Barbara Hameetman and George Quinlan were thanked for putting the budget together.

Search Process

Mollie went over the Steps in the Search Process, as presented by her, so that the congregation understands what the committees will be asked to do. Also the five points in the Developmental Tasks of the Interim Period were hi-lighted.

Past, present and future vestry members were thanked for all their dedicated work.

Mollie closed the meeting with a final prayer and Jean adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon Quinlan

Nominations Report from the Vestry

To Serve on the Vestry: Barry Cramer
Pippa Lindwright

To Serve as Delegates to the Deanery Chapter and the Diocesan Convention:

Two delegates and two Alternates needed

Barbara Eastman
Jean Gifford
Margaret Schmidt
Jean Weigle

Interim Rector's Report

Even a casual glance at this annual report shows that a lot has been going on at St. Paul's during the past year. This activity has included the establishment of new programs (Church School, Lessons and Carols Service), addressing old problems (point-tucking, roof work, exterior painting) looking hard at long standing circumstances and taking effective action (taking on the Search Process as it is expected by the Diocese) and the willingness to learn new ways of looking at what it means to be St. Paul's (working with Jim Miller, our consultant). The current work of the Search Committee has been particularly energizing as they are looking at the needs of Richmond and Wayne County and are meeting with community agencies.

St. Paul's leaders have been looking clearly at what needs to be done and have been presenting that to the congregation. The Vestry has led! The congregation has responded! And, as new ideas for ministry have come from the congregation, the Vestry has been very supportive of these new efforts. Working with the current leadership group has been very rewarding for me. And I believe that when you have completed the work of the Search process, it will be rewarding for you.

For some reason, which I hope you will understand better through the work with Jim Miller, there has been general resistance to reflecting on the past and learning from it. That is what has slowed down the Search Process for you. I hope you will explore that resistance with Jim and discover what it means for you. I believe that doing that work will bring greater self knowledge and freedom of spirit with will give you energy and joy for your ministries.

The challenge to work only 3/4th time has been just that, a challenge. I am in Richmond every Wednesday and usually a second week-day. Of course I am in Richmond every Sunday. I find myself working at home or at diocesan meetings another two to three days. Some weeks 3/4 time becomes 50 hours. I try to make that up to myself other weeks when that is possible. I am always available by cell phone!

Barbara Hameetman, Jean Weigle and Monica Koechlein have been a tremendous help in making the 3/4th time arrangement work and in moving things forward as has the Vestry as a whole. Thank you Barbara Eastman for doing the monthly the community calendar. A year ago at this time Margaret Schmidt graciously volunteered to do the newsletter. It became clear that that would not work and I am hoping that some one will want to take on that task. Please let me know if you are interested.

I have really enjoyed the work with the Church School as they have developed the new program and taught each other to teach our children in this particular method. The children continue to be part of everything we do as a community of faith and that is a great joy to me. Thank you Samantha, Nate, Nick, Taylor and Leah for your service at the Altar. Some people write books on multi-generational ministry. We just do it!

This time last year our Deacon, Barry MacDowell, decided that he needed a break from regular, weekly deaconal ministry. I quite understand his desire to have more time and freedom, but I miss him as a person and I miss the deaconal role. Barry will be serving as deacon more in the coming year, while still guarding his time for his family. This break from having a deacon has made it necessary for the Eucharistic Ministers to become more clear and secure in their roles.

At the end of 2006 St. Paul's received a \$10,000 grant from the Stamm Koechlien Foundation for the ministry of Community Kitchen. When we sat to talk about the terms of the grant and the relationship of St. Paul's to the Community Kitchen I came to realize that we were a great deal more than just a location of that ministry. Without St. Paul's the Community Kitchen would not exist. And I believe we need to claim this wonderful ministry, support it, and give thanks for the faithful volunteers who do the weekly work. Aileen Wickett and Jessie Johnson are extraordinary people who work well together as the co-coordinators. They are members of other churches, but they carry out their ministries through St. Paul's. Please hold them and this wonderful ministry in your prayers.

Gordon Larsh and Jane Moss leave the Vestry after full three year terms. Each of them has been faithful in their participation and in the leadership that they have given to particular ministries. Jane has given leadership and coordination to social and fellowship events. Gordon has provided coordination for the building and grounds, both by the work he has done himself and by coordinating contractors and volunteers. Gordon is taking a break from this ministry and we need someone to replace him. Several people have volunteered to coordinate fellowship events during the coming year. Jim Burkhart has resigned from the Vestry after one year because family matters are keeping him fully occupied. Barbara Hameetman has continued crunch our numbers with great accuracy. Sharon Quinlan has served us very faithfully as our Clerk of the vestry. Our thanks to all of these faithful servants.

Faithfully,
Mollie A. Williams+

Senior Warden's Report

St. Paul's had a very busy and productive year in 2006. The following is a quick look at the highlights, new activities and the continuing special work being done this past year.

January - March

- The Vestry went through the process of setting criteria and the charge for the search. They chose members for the committee and a chair (Bob Wilson) to lead them.

April

- The Search committee was commissioned and immediately started working on the search process.

- A Generous gift from the Stamm Foundation was received and 5 members of the Parish attended the Thrive Church Conference in Sacramento California.
- The Vestry approved a contract with Thomas & Sons construction to restore the brick all around the church building. Repairs were completed by the end of May.

May

- Steve Benner left after completing his internship with us. He shared many wonderful gifts and he and Keith who contributed his delightful voice to the choir have been missed greatly.
- Karen Beemer left to be closer to her daughter. Barb Hameetman stepped in as interim Secretary. Thank you, thank you!

June, July, August

- The search committee met with the Congregation to gain insight into their hopes and concerns for St. Paul's

September

- A new Sunday school program started for the young children. The program has been very successful.
- Bishop Cate visited with the Congregation to discuss bringing in a consultant to help us determine a strong future for St. Paul's

October

- Diocesan Convention in Indianapolis

November

- Consultant Jim Miller was chosen by the Diocese and the Vestry accepted his proposal.

December

- We experienced a wonderful new (for us) service of Lessons and Carols. Thank you especially to Jenny Kiffmeyer, Mollie and Kathleen.
- The Mitten Tree, a Sunday school project to donate mittens, hats & scarves to needy children. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

January 2007

- The Vestry had its first meeting with Jim Miller. We had a very successful meeting and plans were made to continue the consultation process.

I believe everyone wants to contribute in their own unique way to the well being of our parish. We have been going through a difficult time of discovery and change but I see us moving forward with new expectations for our future. The search committee is diligently working through the process they must complete in order to call a new priest and I have a good feeling about the work that we are going to be doing with Jim Miller.

I am enjoying working closely with Mollie and Monica our Junior Warden. I would like to take this time to thank Mollie for her persistence and patience with us. I believe her greatest wish for St. Paul's is for us to discern God's call to be active and caring participants in our community.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve in this capacity.
Jean Weigle, Senior Warden

Junior Warden's Report

The people of St. Paul's have been so patient and supportive as I carry out my role as Junior Warden. I have felt surrounded by your prayers and continuously energized by the level of commitment of the individual members of this family. Through perseverance in prayer, this congregation has faced new opportunities for growth with enthusiasm and energy. This year has seen many celebrations in our family: baptisms, confirmations, and ordinations. We have grown in our number of ministries, and God has blessed us with the sharing of many individual talents.

The people of St. Paul's continue to be a great source of support as I carry out my daily ministries, both those at St. Paul's and those in the community. I am continuously renewed and energized by the sense of peace I feel within the walls of this church.

It has been a pleasure to serve you in this role and that of a Search member. Thank you for entrusting me with this work.

God's peace,
Monica Koechlein

Financial Report

"Greetings, my friends. We are all interested in the future, for that is where you and I are going to spend the rest of our lives" by Edward D. Wood. But before we go there we must understand where we have been. The financial condition of St. Paul's Episcopal Church leaves much room for improvement. That we were able to accomplish so much is worth a prayer of thanksgiving.

Roofing that was started in 2005 was completed in early 2006. More work in this area will certainly be needed in the future. However the ongoing deterioration from leaks has been minimized. Dared to say "stopped" a new leak would immediately appear.

Much needed tuck pointing, masonry work and rebuilding of the tower has been accomplished with the guidance of Dana Weigle. We can now approach the narthex door without fear of falling bricks, and the stairs were fixed too.

A wonderful generous donor had much of the exterior painted. Some remains to be completed as weather permits. The grand old lady looks much better. The red doors are like fresh lipstick on a welcoming smile. Many non-members have noticed the face lift, a good sign. A time to rejoice.

Many donors combined forces to allow advertising in the newspaper. A very strong positive signal to the community. Time will tell if this has a positive impact on our membership.

Individuals have expressed a concern that additional funding to the Endowment Funds have not been made. Unfortunately this is true. In 2006 there was that opportunity to increase the Endowment or alternatively make much needed repairs to the building. The correct action and the fiscally responsible action was to make the much needed repairs. Also some funds were needed to meet the ongoing

operating expense. We need to be thankful that we are open and operating. The greatest concern must be focused on the realization that we as a congregation will not have the ability to pay back to the Endowment funds or make contributions in the foreseeable future. We are in fact spending our future.

We need to look back at some areas as we move forward. A pledge as listed in the budget are our main source of revenue and is our outward sign that we believe in St. Paul's. What should be our biggest concern is the number of pledges dropped from 43 to 39 a 10% decline. The income from pledges declines to \$83540 from \$94424 a 12% decline. Again for the third year in a row pledges and other income have been less than the operating expenses. The budgeted spending has been reduced as low as is possible. At this time there is simply little opportunity to reduce our spending. This as an alarming trend.

Today our glass is half full, with prayer, generosity and attention to spending we can find ways to add to that glass even if it only a drop at a time. We can, working together, make the glass full or overflowing. Will this happen today or tomorrow, probably not but over months and year it can happen.

George Quinlan

Treasurer's Report

Some notes on the 2006 Actual figures:

Line 1, Pledges: Well above budget. Thank you!

Line 6, Investment Income: You will not see this again. We closed out the account.

Line 7, Endowment Contribution: Yikes! The good news is that \$72,427 of that total went toward major maintenance projects (roof, tuck-pointing, tower restoration, etc.). We did require an infusion for \$16,000 for day-to-day living.

Line 12, Transfer Income: It comes and goes quickly. My hope is that someday Line 12 will match Line 42.

Line 43, Memorial Fund Transfer: At the recommendation of the diocese, we began a separate Memorial Fund with that amount last January. In December, that fund contained \$10,991.15.

Line 50, Maintenance/Repairs: Partially explained above. Most of the \$7550 difference went to furnace repair, a water leak, and smaller items such as light bulbs.

Line 56, Overage(-shortfall): Not good, but much better than we had feared a year ago. Again, thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hameetman

Search Committee

The Search Committee: George Eastman, Julie Faucett, Leslie Goertzen, Jennie Kiffmeyer, Jeanne King, Monica Koechlein, Pam Miller, Jane Parks, Mindy Wilson and myself as chairperson have been meeting since April 2006. We were pleased that we were selected to take on this important and monumental task for St. Paul's. We appreciate your faith and trust in us. Please continue to remember us in your daily prayers. Also, continue to use the prayer that Cannon Berdahl gave us:

“Almighty God, giver of every good gift; Look graciously on your whole church, and so guide us here in St. Paul's Episcopal Church during our time of self-study and search that we shall grow in our commitment to one another and to the cause of your Christ, and may come to choose a faithful pastor to join us in the ministries of our parish, community and diocese, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

We have accomplished most of the tasks that the Diocesan Office and the Vestry of St. Paul's had assigned: history of St. Paul's, including the priests from the past to the present; who we are as a church; the importance of diversity; the role of women; our community outreach;

education for children and adults; our worship with music; worship and liturgy; our relationship with the Diocese of Indianapolis; St. Paul's vital statistics (membership, pledging units, staff, services); demographics of St. Paul's in connection with the city of Richmond and Wayne County.

We also enjoyed the several SWOC (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, concerns) meetings both after services and the dinners (six total) that we had together. We appreciate all the input by the parish members. We have also given announcements during church services and have had several mailings either by The Epistle or post.

To cover all bases it was felt that it was necessary for Bishop Cate to meet with us to assure the parish the Dioscean Office and Bishop Cate personally care, and they also are with us now and in the selection process and in aiding us and the new priest to get off to the right start and to stay on tract. Bishop Cate met with St. Paul's on September 26, 2006.

We are now working on the demographics of how can St. Paul's better be the eyes, ears, hands and feet of our Lord Jesus Christ in Richmond and Wayne County. We are visiting the heads of various organizations in order to better understand what is needed of St. Paul's to enable present organizations to be even better. It has been found out that Richmond and Wayne County do not need another organization. We need to help those already in existence. Some of the organizations and heads of groups we have contacted are Mayor Sally Hutton; Barry MacDowell, hospital needs; Carolyn MacDowell, Day Care; Boys and Girls' Club; Study Buddies and Mentoring Programs; Aiding the Handicapped; Homeless adults and teens; Circle U; Birthright; Interfaith; Genesis Shelter; Wayne County Planning Foundation; Township Trustee; Hope House; Reality Store; Starr Committee; Homeless Task Force; Salvation Army; United Way; Habitat for Humanity; Sunrise; Girls, Inc; Community Kitchen; Diplomas; Youth Services at RHS; Literacy; College Ministry; Community/Schools.

When we as a parish establish what/where/when we can do to aid others, we will be lead to serve. Hopefully, by our becoming involved where we can and when we can, we as individual parishioners of St. Paul's can be a blessing first for our Lord and then to the community of Richmond and Wayne County.

It is hoped that by doing all this work and becoming involved in the community that we will be more attractive to our new priest and will come to the realization that it is we who should become involved with all of these things mentioned above-----not just the new priest. Many of us now see a priest as a facilitator, not a do-it-all person.

The consultant Jim Miller has met with the Vestry. He has also met with our priest Mollie, the senior and junior wardens, and myself. He also is planning to meet with the Search Committee. At this point the consultant will meet with the parish, collectively and individually, to help the parish in doing its work of self-reflection and self-discovery. All of this should give the parish and the Search Committee a better self-understanding which will aid the Search Committee in modifying, if needed, the work it has already done. It was understood from the beginning that what we were working on was only a "work in progress."

Once this work is accomplished, the Search Committee will be better able to identify and select and present the right priest to the Vestry that St. Paul's needs and will cherish for many years to come.

Your servant in Christ
Bob Wilson, Search Chairperson

Building and Grounds

In the Simmons Room the bi-fold door that was broken was repaired and new track put in this section of the door and is working very well.

About the first of April, through attention of Dana Weigle, a contract with Thomas and Sons Construction, brick masons, was signed to repair bricks on the church and parish hall. The conditions were as follows:

1. above library, west wall of parish house under roof (\$3300)
2. replace and tuck-point around church (\$2900)
3. replace roof supports and roof and wall around top of tower (\$41,967)
4. tuck-point and replace brick on front entrance and steps (\$8100)

This work was completed in June.

In July there was a problem on Community Kitchen Days (Wednesdays and Thursdays) with the air conditioner in the kitchen. It was low coolant, and this was taken care of.

Last winter, we had very high heating bills (near \$2500 one month). We have asked the Community Kitchen not to use the Parish Hall entrance this winter. With tuck-pointing, new replacement brick, and places closed in the building, we are hoping to lower these bills.

Thanks to an anonymous doner some painting was done on the outside of the church entrance and parish hall. This is complete except for the louvered area of the tower.

Three "Sunday Handicapped Parking" signs were purchased and installed in our small parking lot, thus assuring parking for those in need.

A special thanks is due to Bob and Behi Wilson for lots of hard work making our church so beautiful with their flowers.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Larsh

Children's Chapel

2006 was an exciting year for the children of St. Paul's. With the addition of new families with school aged children, we had enough to start our very own children's chapel. The children meet during the first 30 minutes of the 10:30 service in the chapel, and then join everyone in "big church" at the sign of the peace.

We welcome children from age 3 through the early primary grades to join us for children's chapel. There they have an opportunity to listen to music, sing songs, listen to stories that coincide with the lectionary, collect an offering to be brought to the altar, pray, and to complete an activity related to the lesson/story. Most importantly, children's chapel provides a place our children can call their own. We've added some special touches to make it their own space. An altar that has been in storage for many years, was restored and painted especially for the children's chapel. A cross, colorful and attractive to children, hangs above the altar, and artwork by each child with their handprints and their picture hangs along one wall. With all of these special additions, the chapel feels like it is their own chapel. To celebrate our new chapel we had a special service blessing the altar and our new chapel in which everyone had an opportunity to participate.

Secondly, children's chapel also provides an opportunity for the children to have special relationships with adults within the congregation. Several people have volunteered their time to

be teachers. They are Jane Parks, Jean Weigle, Johnathon Graham, Jennie Kiffmeyer, Heather Proctor, and Leslie Goertzen. Two teachers are scheduled each Sunday, so they are in children's chapel about every 3-4 weeks.

Finally, after having several weeks of children's chapel completed, the teachers decided that December would be a great time to have our first outreach project. The Mitten Tree project was a great success, and all of the hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens collected were donated to the Townshend Center. This gave our children a sense of pride and accomplishment, and helped them to see the needs of the community.

The children of St. Paul's and their teachers look forward to 2007 and the continuation of our children's chapel. We welcome any members who want to become teachers and who want to learn this way of being with our children.

Leslie Goertzen

Adult Bible Study

I have had the pleasure of moderating this class for several years. It has been a pleasure for me. I believe this Adult Scripture Study has been one of the most positive aspects of our church family for the past several years.

This year we have been using "*Synthesis CE, a Lectionary Study Guide in the Episcopal Tradition.*" We use the study questions and personal thoughts and experiences to better understand our weekly scriptures.

We average around 6 - 7 adults each Sunday. Everyone participates. Patty Malloris begins our class as she reads 'The Collect.' We all contribute as the class continues. There are times when we don't get through all of the scriptures because of the good discussion we have.

Clyde Hylton continues to bring a unique perspective to our class. Clyde has a unique way of 'picking on' someone to help us all see and, perhaps, understand what the scriptures are trying to convey to us.

Although, those attending this class come from various faith backgrounds, we all have come together as Episcopalians. I believe we have come to understand our own faith, just a little better, by being a part of this Class.

I wish to thank all who attend the class. And, I wish to say 'thank you' for allowing me to be a part of this unique experience.

Come....experience.

Faithfully submitted,
George L. Eastman

Endowment Committee

Dear Parishioners,

It is a pleasure to give you a report from the Endowment Committee. 2006 has been a busy year with a lot of things going on. We started with the completion of the Parish house-roofing project for which the Endowment committee approved funding. Shortly after that was completed it became apparent that the tower needed to be rebuilt and that tuck-pointing needed to be done on the entire building. At the April '06 Endowment meeting it was decided that we should close out the Rectory Fund at the Diocese. We asked the Diocese to send us \$100,000.00 to cover the cost of these two projects and put the balance in the General Fund. This is reflected in the 6/30/06 J.P. Morgan statement. We also approved funds at that time to help the church with the Operating account. The following is a breakdown of the account showing our present balance at Wayne Bank & Trust.

Wayne Bank & Trust: 12/31/05	\$ 66,599.20	
	6,940.00	Deposits
	100,000.00	from Diocese
	3,751.21	Interest (5.05)
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	177,290.41	Total
	16,160.00	Expenses -Parish Hse. Roof
	16,000.00	St. Paul's -Operations
	56,267.00	Tower & tuck-pointing (Leon Thomas Remodeling)
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	\$ 88,863.41	Balance 12/31/06

Also at the April '06 meeting we talked with representatives from Merrill Lynch about the different options we might have with the account. It was recommended that we sell the stocks given by Martha Elliott and put the money received into both a Fixed Income account and Mutual Funds. This was accomplished in June 2006.

The following is a breakdown of the Merrill Lynch account.

Cash	2,579.48	
Fixed Income	21,958.73	
Mutual Funds	47,410.00	
Estimated Interest	518.98	
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Total	\$72,467.19	12/31/06

The account has increased \$6,933.19 since 12/31/05 when the balance was shown as \$65,933.00.

As we started 2006 we had the following in the Diocesan accounts. In the Rectory fund we had \$116,626.17 and in the General Fund we had \$95,192.99 for a total of \$211,819.16. As of March 31, 2006 the Rectory Fund balance was \$119,395.82 and the General Fund balance was \$96,043.57. On December 31, 2006 the balance in the Rectory fund was \$371.26 and the General Fund shows a Market Value of \$129,304.55 a yield of 5.22%.

To summarize, we started 2006 with a total of \$344,374.38, which included money held by the Diocese with J.P. Morgan, Wayne Bank & Merrill Lynch. Today we have a total of \$291,006.41 in these accounts.

\$ 88,863.41 Wayne Bank
72,467.19 Merrill Lynch
129,675.81 J.P. Morgan (Diocesan Acct.)

Our expenses came to \$88,427.00 but because of growth in the accounts we only show a loss of \$53,369.97.

I would like to thank the committee members for their work, Margaret Schmidt, Scott Goertzen, George Quinlan and Bob Wilson.

Respectfully Submitted
Dana Weigle

Fellowship 2006

Coffee hour after each service is a very important part of St. Paul's fellowship. Volunteers sign up to serve refreshments and coffee after each service. It is a time to visit with fellow parishioners and welcome visitors and newcomers.

In January we had a Christmas Pageant with the Epiphany service followed by a pitch-in. We had a pitch-in with the annual meeting. So we ate and listened.

In February we ate pancakes and sausages and played Bingo on Shrove Tuesday. Barry MacDowell resigned from being an active deacon after many years of service. To honor Barry for his service to St. Paul's Church we donated money to Reid Hospital Foundation in memory of Kevin MacDowell. We also gave him an iPod and had a cake reception for him on Sunday Feb. 19th.

In March we had a family fun night. We ate pizza at Cici's and then went bowling at 40 Lanes. A good time was had by all.

In April the youth of St. Paul's dyed Easter Eggs. An Easter egg hunt was held at the church on the front lawn at Easter. The evening before there was a champagne and dessert pitch-in after the Easter Vigil service.

St. Paul's had a seminarian Steve Benner from Ohio for 1 year. He completed his year in June and we presented him with a monetary gift and cake reception.

There were a few late summer Saturday evening cookouts on the front lawn organized by John Fitch and Jennifer Eastman. Guests brought a dish to share and their own meat to cook.

Sometimes a movie followed dinner.

In October there was the Halloween party at Nancy & Gordon Larsh's. Food and games were the entertainment.

For the fourth Sunday in Advent we had 5:30 pm Saturday service followed by a pitch-in and decorating the church for Christmas party.

Jane Moss

Thrive Committee

Thanks to the generosity of Terri and Henry Batsel, St. Paul's was blessed with an opportunity to attend a leadership conference in Granite Bay, California. The conference was hosted by Bayside and lasted 2 _ days in April. Seven members from St. Paul's made the trip: Sharon Quinlan, Mollie Williams, Bob Wilson, John and Monica Koechlein, and Dana and Jean Weigle. At the conference, we attended many break out sessions on personal and congregational growth, developing and maintaining small groups, and understanding your spiritual gifts. The group has met five times since the trip and has been brainstorming ways to share the information with the congregation. We hope to be able to do that in the upcoming year.

Sharon Quinlan

The Community Kitchen of Richmond

The Community Kitchen of Richmond meets Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week throughout the year. The meals are prepared and served under the dedicated direction of Aileen Wicket and Jesse Johnson. St. Paul's day to serve is the first Thursday of each month. Eight other churches in the community participate in this program. Lunch is served from 11:30am until 1:00pm. We average between 70 and 100+ participants. St. Paul's serves chicken and noodle casserole, cold slaw or cottage cheese, green beans, rolls and desert. We have been buying our chicken through McFarling Foods at a cost of \$39.00 for 10lbs of pre-cooked, diced chicken. The noodles, soup, broth, and beans are purchased at local grocery stores. Members of St. Paul's donate vegetables and other items when needed. They also donate their time, helping to prepare and serve the meal. Local grocery stores donate bread and desert. There is usually extra bread and some deserts, which are given away following the meal.

The Community Kitchen also serves as a social time for many of our participants. They arrive early about 9:30 for coffee and time to visit with friends. Its always fun to watch the interaction, knowing that it is a meaningful time for them.

I want to thank everyone who has helped with the Kitchen this year. Barb Eastman, Barb Hameetman, and Mollie have been willing to step in when we needed help. Bob and Behi Wilson who are there every 1st Thursday and often offer their assistance on other days when needed. Thank you! A special thanks to Clyde Hilton who helps every day the Kitchen is open. His wisdom and kindness has made a difference in many of our participant's lives. We've all

agreed that it is a very rewarding experience. I can't emphasize enough how important and appreciated this program is to those who come to eat the lunch we and others prepare.

Jean Weigle

Music

Since the decease of Edward Holloway, whose company built our pipe organ here at St. Paul's in 1965-66, we have secured the services of Michael Rathke. An organ builder, he services and takes care of our organ. He tuned it just before our Christmas Eve service. There is some extra work that needs to be done—about one-half days' work, Michael says. Some of the pedal notes are dead and extra time is needed to repair them. Michael does not charge us for the tuning and servicing of the organ.

Our choir continues to function and when all ten members are present to sing, their contributions are exceptional. It is a joy and a privilege to work with them.

In July of this year, 2007, members of the Organ Historical Society (headquartered in Richmond, VA) will have their annual meeting in Indianapolis. Part of their Conference is the visit to various pipe organs in Indianapolis and surrounding area. St. Paul's Episcopal, Richmond, will be featured and David K. Lamb from Columbus, IN will be playing our organ in concert. It is scheduled for July 14 at 3 p.m. Some 200 persons attending the Organ Historical Society will be in attendance at St. Paul's. I encourage each of you to put this date on your calendar and try to attend. There will be more information concerning this as the date draws nearer.

Again, I personally feel it both an honor and a privilege to serve as your organist and choir director here as I have for now over twenty years.

Sincerely,

Mona Bross Hylton

Worship

The Worship Committee has met a little less frequently in 2006 because we had established a rhythm of planning that had worked well the previous year and elected to continue in that manner. Our commitment has been to use all the approved worship resources of the Episcopal Church, which means that we use all six Eucharistic Prayers in the Book of Common Prayer and the three forms in Enriching Our Worship. While we tend to write the Prayers of the People, using a variety of resources, we also use the prayer forms in the Book of Common Prayer. While the structure of our worship is constant, the words we use vary. The goal is to provide both variety and predictability.

The Eucharist has been celebrated most Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. If there is a special feast or commemoration during the week, we observe it at the Wednesday service, no matter

what day of the week it might have fallen on. During Lent we did Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays.

In the Fall we made three important decisions. First, since we are mandated by General Convention to change to the Revised Common Lectionary by Advent 2007, we decided to switch to the Revised Common Lectionary(RCL)starting with the First Sunday of Advent, 2006. So far, it has been an easier change than we had anticipated.

Second, we decided to accept Jennie Kiffmeyer's invitation to do a Biblical Story Telling version of Lessons and Carols on December 17th. Jennie is a very talented and skilled Biblical Story Teller and the stories really came alive. Jennie will be offering a workshop on Biblical Story Telling for members of St. Paul's, the community and the Diocese on Saturday, March 24. You are all invited!

Third, we decided to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Saturday, December 23rd so that we would not have to do 4th Advent and Christmas Eve the same day. For those of us who came it worked well, but attendance was low.

We are grateful to all those who make our worship possible: Lectors, Musicians, Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Leaders of the Prayers, Servers, Greeters and Altar Guild. We welcome any who feel called to worship ministries and will give you the training and support you need.

Faithfully,
Mollie A. Williams +