



THE ST. PAUL'S SENTINEL

Honoring and preserving our community's heritage

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"St. Paul's...holds many memories and was a foundation to my life." **Stewart G. Coddington**

"Please use my name to Save St. Paul's." **Tim McCabe, Class of 1987**

"Sign me up! I'm a proponent of keeping the school as a public place including its original design and building." **Walden H. Leverich III**

"Please feel free to use my name in connection with the preservation of St. Paul's and the property."

Kenneth A. Hutcheson

"Count me in." **Jon Fliedner, Class of 1961**

"As someone who attended St. Paul's for all eight years, I am all for any attempts to maintain the structure and history of the building and the school." **Steven W. Eaddy**

COMMITTEE ESTABLISHES "ALUMNI FOR ST. PAUL'S" GROUP

Letters are rolling in from supportive alumni(ae) of St. Paul's and St. Mary's. Thanks to Garden City's Robert Reid, who attended St. Paul's, the Committee has established another partnership group called, "Alumni for St. Paul's." Rob has been reaching out to grads and folks who attended the Cathedral Schools, and has found interest in saving St. Paul's for public use and keeping the former school building in the public domain. We certainly want to add more supportive Garden City grads to the list, too. If you attended either of the schools (or know someone who did), and like what the Committee to Save St. Paul's is proposing for St. Paul's future, contact Rob Reid at 746-7297 or robreid@optonline.net, or the Committee to SSP at P.O. Box 7642, Garden City, NY 11530 or info@savestpauls.org and join our efforts to preserve the Historic St. Paul's building and keep it under public control. See a growing list of "Alumni for St. Paul's" members on our website *Sentinel* page.

"FAMILIES" GOING STRONG

In the days that members of "Families for St. Paul's" circulated among parents, grandparents and kids at the St. Paul's athletic fields, the group raised their membership to over 200 families – that's "families," where moms, dads and children are interested in seeing St. Paul's developed with significant space for community use and maintained under public control. Remember, selling St. Paul's to a private developer, or allowing a developer to lease the building *without* significant space allocated for public use, means that we residents lose that opportunity forever. Check the "Families" members on our website *Sentinel* page.

SECOND SUBMISSION FILED

On November 3, the Committee to Save St. Paul's submitted a detailed, 54-page report to the Village Board of Trustees subcommittee and consultant, K. Backus & Associates. This report was in response to a laundry list of questions asked by the Village consultant. Our Executive Committee and current professionals – Steve Tilly of Stephen Tilly, Architect, and Murray Gould of Port City Preservation – are continuing to work tirelessly to strengthen our proposal. Our team is currently seeking additional developers with experience in preservation and a desire to be part of the unique development and rebirth of Historic St. Paul's. We are also continuing to define and refine the financial aspects of our proposal.

The responses in our latest report will provide additional information that will give the trustees a clearer understanding of our proposal as the best solution to the development of St. Paul's.

Last Friday afternoon, the Committee was contacted by K. Backus to arrange an interview between Village officials and the Committee's team. That important meeting has been set for November 30. The Committee is preparing a comprehensive presentation.

THE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL

You have waited a long time for something to happen at St. Paul's. The Committee to Save St. Paul's believes that residents should know what is being proposed for the building and the 7 or 8 acres on the southeast corner of the property. Therefore, the Committee placed an outline of its proposal in the local papers, held a community presentation, is meeting with smaller groups, and posted information on our website. We had hoped that residents could also peruse our proposal at their leisure in the public library. While we did deliver our proposal into the hands of the library director, we were informed that the library was instructed by the Village not to make it, or other proposals, available for the public (we didn't know the Village could authorize such a restriction). Since openness is important to us, we have posted our October 5 proposal on our website "News" page for your review.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETS TOMORROW(11/16) 8 P.M. AT VILLAGE HALL

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND...ASK QUESTIONS...AND VOICE YOUR OPINIONS. It will take our attention and perseverance to keep this issue on the right track.

LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

Please don't forget how important it is for you to write to the Mayor and Village Trustees and to Senator Kemp Hannon to show your support for the Committee to Save St. Paul's and our compromise (public/private) solution. A sample support letter is posted on our website (www.savestpauls.org) "News" page, as well as the local and email addresses of the above-mentioned public officials. Your own words are always preferred, but if you have writers' block, feel free to draw from our sample letter.

COLLECTING PETITION SIGNATURES

The Committee to Save St. Paul's has always said the proposal that will be the ultimate winner is the one that can show broad community support, allowing the Village and the developer to overcome the "public trust" and parkland designations. Support can be shown in the numbers of signatures penned on the Committee to Save St. Paul's petition.

Look for Committee volunteers this Friday and Saturday at the **Golden Goose Gala** at the Field House, and next week at the **Turkey Trot**. If you haven't signed a petition yet, stop by and put your signature on the line. And if we don't see you at these events or around town, don't be surprised if we call you in the coming days and weeks to ask you to join our petition signers.

If you want to help, you can find the petition on the "News" page of our website....just print it out, make copies, and collect signatures from family member, friends and neighbors, and people in the organizations you belong to. Feel free to direct them to our website, where they can find detailed information about the proposal. All signed petitions can be mailed to the Committee to Save St. Paul's, P.O. Box 7642, Garden City, New York 11530. Or, please call Maureen Traxler at 516-319-1906 for a pickup. We thank you for your assistance and support.

Please consider writing a Letter to the Editor of the *Garden City News* to express your views. To read previous issues of *The St. Paul's Sentinel*, log onto our website "News" page.

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Donations accepted to "St. Paul's Conservancy Corp." All donations are tax deductible.**