

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Fayetteville, AR**

*The mission of St. Paul's is to explore and celebrate God's infinite grace, acceptance, and love.*

**Vestry Meeting Minutes  
April 25, 2022 - 5:30pm – St. Paul's Parish Hall / Zoom Videoconference**

Vestry members – Present

Myria Allen; Lara Cato; Linda Jones – Senior Warden; David Kelley; Jeremy Oxford - Junior Warden; Jon Payne; Jerry Rose; Jeannie Whyne

Vestry Members – Not present

Conner Eldridge; Michael Holloman; Melissa Swann

Other Attendees

Evan Garner – Rector; Adelyn Tyler - Curate; David McMath – Treasurer; Peter Elzer – Clerk;

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Evan started the meeting at 5:30pm with a scripture reading and a prayer.

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the March meeting were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report

The report and financial notes were attached to the meeting invite. The first quarter is better than budgeted, with pledges being on target. Utility expenses are expected to remain above budget. David highlighted that a disbursement of endowment restricted funds from Greenwood Gearhart will be hitting the bank account later this year, and will not show in the operating budget. \$14,000 have been received via special offering to date. Thank you to Jon for reconciling the monthly statements.

The report was received by acclamation.

Committee Reports

- Formation (**Cato**, Eldridge, Swann, Whyne)  
The committee has helped Samantha with staffing for VBS and children's ministries and appreciates her planning. Regular meetings will resume next month.
- Outreach (**Kelley**, Hollomon, Oxford, Rose)  
Recommendations are not quite ready to be shared but are expected to be finalized during the vestry retreat.  
A disbursement from the discretionary fund was made towards rental assistance.  
A second warrant amnesty day will take place at St. Paul's this Thursday as requested by the county and the prosecutor's office.  
Industrial Areas Foundation is looking to start a local chapter. It is a community organizing group to hold elected officials accountable.

- Parish Life (**Hollomon**, Swann, Whayne)  
The committee will meet after Michael returns from his pilgrimage. Topics to be discussed include options to provide coverage during Grace's maternity leave.  
An outdoor service and picnic are planned for Ascension Day May 26.  
The Parish Picnic is scheduled for June 12.
- Properties (**Oxford**, Jones, Payne)  
Thank you to all participating in the Parish Workday. The stained-glass windows should be reinstalled in May.  
As part of the memorial fund for India Eggleston, a request was made to dedicate a bench in the green space. Evan has asked the properties committee to make suggestions for multiple benches placed in strategic locations, potentially as part of a fundraising campaign.
- Stewardship (**Allen**, Jones)  
The committee met with Susan Hays to review the work.  
The Sunday 10am session on planned giving was well received, thank you to Greenwood Gearhart for making the resources available.
- Finance (**Payne**, Allen, Cato, Eldridge, Kelley, Rose)  
The committee met to discuss the India Eggleston Memorial Fund, see below under Other Business.

#### Wardens' Reports

Senior Warden: No report was offered.

Junior Warden: The alternator for the handicapped van was replaced.

#### Curate's Report

Adelyn is working on the planning committee for the Young Adult Festival as part of the National Convention. She enjoyed her first Holy Week as a priest.

#### Associate Rector's Report

n/a

#### Deacon's Report

Cathy provided a list of her activities within the church and within the community.

#### Rector's Report

The report was attached to the meeting invite.

Evan is completing his application for sabbatical support from the Lily Found.

#### Other Business

- Determination of a Vestry Vacancy. The determination was made by acclamation.  
Evan will contact Robert Murphy and ask him on behalf of the vestry to complete Kay's term.
- India Eggleston Memorial Fund. The proposed declaration is tabled and will be revisited after clarification with the Eggleston family.
- Vestry Retreat locations: Friday - St. Martin's, Saturday - Ann Henry Boardroom Fayetteville Public Library
- Vestry members are asked to sign up for cashier duty.

Pastoral Update, Prayer, and Adjournment

Adelyn closed with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter Elzer*

Peter Elzer – Vestry Clerk

(Next Meeting of the Vestry: Monday, May 23, at 5:30 p.m.)