

**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  
August 28, 2023 - 5:30pm – St. Paul's Peach Room / Zoom Video conference**

**Vestry Members and Attendance**

Present

Jeremy Oxford; Sr. Warden, Hannah Clark (zoom), Julie Chambers, Kristin Payne, Elizabeth (Liz) Rosen, Peter Quinlisk (zoom), Robert Murphy, Jerry Rose, Michael Hollomon, Jeannie Whayne; Jr. Warden

Absent

Connor Eldridge, Myria Allen

Other Attendees

Sara Milford – Associate Rector, David McMath – Treasurer, Patricia Matthews - Associate Rector at St. Marks, Julie Schultz, Linda Jones, Chad Cox – Clerk

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

- Call to order at 5:33 PM with prayer by Sara

**Diocesan Consult**

- Letter regarding a complaint was presented from Diocesan Office and was received.
- Process and timeline reviewed by Patricia
  - Consensus to move forward with plan presented
- Include supplemental letter of encouragement and gratitude from Vestry
- Concern for healing for all involved

**Offsite Event for Youth**

- August 9<sup>th</sup> Pool Party at 968 E. Township Road
- Approved via email vote on July 25

**Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

- Motion, second and approved with corrections:
  - Note there were committee reports in breakout sessions.
  - Bassett with 2 T's
- Thanks to Peter for taking notes at the retreat in Chad's absence.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Report received upon motion by Robert

- Caught up on known invoices
- \$25,000 to the positive, even with repairs
- \$4,500 deficient to due to rent being moved from January to December
- Reconciliation gap is closing

## **Committee Reports**

- Formation
  - Welcome Beth Maze
  - Open to ideas, but wants to get bearings in the first 6 months
- Outreach
  - Vote to rescind \$3,000 commitment for IAF approved at last meeting
    - Motion approved
  - Approved to receive report about visits to all the outreach areas to see needs and how they are being supported
    - Families in trouble not getting needs met
    - Family Promise is national org that will help new chapters set up to address this
    - Ask for consideration of both IAF and FP – for one to support in a future meeting
- Parish Life
  - Newcomers event was success
    - Make it a monthly thing – last Sunday of the month unless there is an event
    - Discuss quarterly social mixers
  - Ministry Fair
    - Lots of sign-ups for a variety of options
    - Ongoing time/talent survey
    - Kudos to Robert M. and Kristin P. (and husband Jon)
  - Welcome Center Greeters
  - Welcome back for Evan at 10am Sunday
  - Concerns about grounds being unwelcoming and dangerous – shared with properties committee
  - Additions of crisis sheet to the breakfast cashier
- Properties
  - HVAC Update (Choir Room)
    - AC unit not repairable, but heater works
    - Finance committee – don't let finance be a reason to hold off.
  - Creating overall list of recurring maintenance cost from a fixed cost standpoint as well as a sitemap responsibility chart
  - Elevator Update
    - Short in AC unit disabled unit
    - Diagnostics still unknown
  - Airwall repaired.
  - Conference room is painted.

- Bassett Discernment Committee Update
  - Want input from Parish.
  - Outreach to FBC about parking lot
  - Drug Court office space discussion
    - Has funding for construction, rent, and utilities.
    - Ask Mac to join us at the next meeting with more information.
    - Sublease as an option?
- Finance
  - Previously reported in treasurer's report
- Stewardship
  - Ministry Fair feedback collection in progress
  - Celebration Sunday catering – OK to pursue the use of an outside vendor again this year
  - Charge to properties to replace broken chairs/tables, etc.
  - Request for a paper reduction plan for service bulletins, etc.

#### **Wardens' Reports**

- Sr. Warden
  - Praise for Ministry Fair and Bishop Candidates Meet & Greet
- Jr. Warden
  - No report at this time

#### **Clergy Reports**

- Associate Rector and attendance report via email

#### **Other Business**

- Motion to not allow greenery sale
  - Vote 5-5, with 1 abstain.
- Motion to table greenery sale in response
  - Approved

#### **Pastoral Update, Prayer, and Adjournment**

- Prayers continue for those in need
- Adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 8:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Chad Cox – Vestry Clerk

**Next Meeting of the Vestry: September 25, 2023, in conference room and via zoom**