

**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  
January 16, 2022 - 1:00pm – Zoom Videoconference**

Vestry members – Present

Myria Allen; Lara Cato; Conner Eldridge; Linda Jones – Junior Warden; Susan Hays; Michael Holloman; David Kelley; Susan Mayes; Mac Mayfield – Senior Warden; Trent Palmer; Jeremy Oxford

Kay DuVal – Vestry Member Elect; Jerry Rose – Vestry Member Elect; Melissa Swann – Vestry Member Elect; Jeannie Whayne – Vestry Member Elect;

Vestry Members – Not present

Jon Payne

Other Attendees

Evan Garner – Rector; Suzanne Stoner – Associate Rector; Adelyn Tyler – Curate; David McMath – Treasurer; Peter Elzer – Clerk

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Evan started the meeting at 1:00pm with a prayer. Suzanne presided.

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the December meeting were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report

David highlighted several of the income line items for the 2021 fiscal year. We ended the year with a surplus in the operating budget. As discussed in a previous meeting, \$161,000 of the surplus will be applied to the mortgage principal on the Bassett building.

The report and its details were received by acclamation.

Committee Reports

- Formation (**Mayes**, Palmer, Cato, Oxford)  
No report was offered.
- Outreach (**Cato**, Palmer, Allen, Mayfield)  
Due diligence letters to our community partners have been sent.  
The warrant amnesty clinic for pretrial motions resolved 71 cases during a meeting at St. Paul's Parish Hall. This clinic was offered by request of the county's prosecutor's office and was deemed a success by the office. Thank you to Mac for his engagement.  
The special Christmas offering of \$34,000 (including match) will be made available to St. James.
- Parish Life (**Kelley**, Hays, Eldridge, Hollomon)  
Susan Hays is working on restarting the Let's get Acquainted ministry.

- Properties (**Payne**, Jones, Oxford)  
Linda shared videos which are available documenting the work on our stained glass windows. Light repairs have been completed. Additional work will be required for some issues with the down-light fixtures in the church and the terrace lights.  
The furnace work has been completed.
- Stewardship (**Hays**, Mayfield, Jones)  
Stewardship of Time and Talent had an informal meeting on how to further involve newcomers. The planned giving meeting will likely be moved to February.  
Susan is thankful for the work of the church regarding justice and equality.  
Trent proposed that the work of the vestry following up with the congregation could be combined with a campaign to get the photo directory updated.  
Evan is thankful for Joy's work in the annual giving campaign, and for the calls the vestry members have been making.
- Finance (Mayfield, Mayes, Payne, Kelley, Allen, Eldridge, Hollomon)  
2022 Budget proposal  
The proposed budget was discussed. Evan and David repeated some of the conversations of the Finance committee. The current proposal has a small surplus, and a motion was approved to allocate it to building maintenance in the final budget. The revised budget was approved by acclamation.

The expansion of Grace's position and services will be revisited later in the year. The need for this expansion is recognized by the vestry.

#### Housing Allowance Resolution

The proposed resolution regarding clergy housing allowance was approved by acclamation. The resolution will be signed by the rector and the clerk.

#### Wardens' Reports

Senior Warden: Mac is thankful for the successful work of the outgoing vestry members and is challenging the new members to continue this effort.

Junior Warden: Linda thanks the outgoing vestry members for their service.

#### Deacon's Report

No report was offered.

#### Curate's Report

St. Martin's is starting back up this Sunday.

#### Associate Rector's Report

No report was offered.

#### Rector's Report

The report was attached to the meeting invite.

#### Other Business

Annual Meeting Review: Evan thanks the outgoing members for their three-year service. We expect a large virtual presence given the current COVID numbers.

Vestry Retreat Plans: Evan would like to wait to see if an in-person event will be become possible at some time in the future. Susan H, David and Trent acknowledged the importance of the personal connections made during the retreat.

Pastoral Update, Prayer, and Adjournment

Evan closed with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 2:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter Elzer*

Peter Elzer – Vestry Clerk

(Next Meeting of the Vestry: Monday, February 28, at 5:30 p.m.)