

**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
May 22, 2023 - 5:30pm – St. Paul's Conference Room / Zoom Video conference**

Vestry Members and Attendance

Present

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

Absent

Jerry Rose, Michael Hollomon, Connor Eldridge

Other Attendees

Evan Garner – Rector, Sara Milford – Associate Rector, David McMath – Treasurer, Curtis Moneymaker – Youth Minister, Kathy McGregor – Deacon, Kayce Brott – discernment committee, Chad Cox – Clerk

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

- Evan called to order at 5:31 PM with an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

- Minutes approved with small correction of “industrial.”

Deacon Announcement

- Kathy announced she is retiring July 9th from diaconate
- Would like to stay on for Harm Reduction and Community Meals after short break as Parish Nurse
- Will be missed as she does great work but wish her well in her retirement. Will find a replacement for duties while away until Sept. 1 with any liturgical duties on hold until Easter, 2024

Ordination

- Curtis asking for approval for Seminary
 - Vestry is asked to affirm his membership in church, a good person with qualities for ordination, and willing to support him financially as he continues this process.
 - Discernment committee report – 8 members, meet every 4-6 weeks for a total of 8 meetings. Thought Curtis was very inviting in the process and exhibited deep reflection.

- Recommend that the vestry support him moving forward.
- Plans to delay seminary for at least a year past August. Work towards this began with Evan prior in 2020 with stages of growing and a deeper sense of the call. The delay is received and perceived as a positive.
- Motion (and second) to approve Vestry support for Curtis to move forward with formation to become a priest.
 - Motion approved

175th Reflection (so far)

Great time by all, several stepped up and helped as needed, picnic well attended, Friday night dinner, parish walk, enjoyed seeing people take ownership in the activities. A big THANK YOU from all!

Treasurer's Report

- Report received upon motion by Peter and second by Robert
 - Things are mostly OK – Good shape on the bottom line and pledges seem to be in line as to what was expected.
 - Not in the April report – AC replacement and interior repair (about \$14,000), only a small portion of the church repair is reflected and remaining bathroom from another fund. These should be paid in May (a big month).
 - OK to proceed with AC repair for Parish Hall (probably billed in June)

Committee Reports

- Formation
 - Met last week with Samantha (June 18 last Sunday) and the schedule for the coming 6 months or so. Still have a need for Children's Chapel in the summer - few positions needed.
 - Search Update and Proposal
 - Position Profile developed for the formation director (not yet public)
 - Motion to nominate a 3-person search committee (Julie, David, and Jeannie) to assist Evan with search during his sabbatical.
 - Motion approved
- Outreach
 - PRIDE Update – committee assembled, led by Vickie. Meetings on Sundays at 3:00 PM for those interested.
- Parish Life
 - 175th updates continued, ready for tomorrow's musical celebration
 - Praise for Grace that she has powered through an illness during this busy time.
- Properties
 - Report via Email from Michael
 - Parish Hall HVAC Replacement

- No report, but Bishop search work is wrapping up. Looking at a pastoral care app and it's potential. Bishop candidates at St. Paul's on August 3rd for a Meet and Greet as the host church for NWA.
- Deacon
 - Announcement made earlier

Other Business

- Summer plans: Mini-Retreat in July? No meeting traditionally, but a retreat instead for the Vestry to decide. Warden will preside over the meetings in Rector's absence. Recommend Sara as a co-chair to chair if Warden is not available.

Coming up - Reminders

- Evan's Sabbatical starts June 1

Pastoral Update, Prayer, and Adjournment

- Closed with a prayer from Sara at 8:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Chad Cox – Vestry Clerk

Next Meeting of the Vestry: June 26, 2023, at 5:30 PM in the board room/online.