

**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
November 27, 2023 - 5:30pm – St. Paul's Peach Room / Zoom Video conference.**

Vestry Members and Attendance

Present

Julie Chambers, Elizabeth (Liz) Rosen, Robert Murphy, Jerry Rose, Jeannie Whayne; Jr. Warden, Myria Allen, Peter Quinlisk, Kristin Payne, Michael Hollomon, Jeremy Oxford; Sr. Warden, Connor Eldridge

Absent

Hannah Clark

Other Attendees

Evan Garner – Rector, Julie Schultz, David McMath – Treasurer, Casey Anderson-Molina - St Martins Chaplain, Chad Cox – Clerk

Opening Prayer

- Call to order at 5:30 PM

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

- Motion by RM, second by MA, approved

Treasurer's Report

- Report received upon motion by JO, second by PQ, received

Committee Reports

- Formation
 - Busy December with programming (events every Wednesday)
 - Removing snacks in Sunday school
 - Request for vestry participation and feedback
- Outreach
 - Report via email
 - Recommend participation and financial support of Family Promise and NWA Community Building (IAF)
 - Desire budget increase to allow \$5,000 for each vs reallocating current commitments
- Parish Life
 - Add language about *Let's Get Acquainted* to the "welcome blurb" in Epistle and Communicant

- Add a Wednesday and/or quarterly event?
- Properties
 - Approved engineer to look at the system replacement/redesign. Expected late January
 - St. Thomas Guild for handicraft being explored
 - Church vans (2) are older and in need of repair. Something to look at for next year.
 - Powerwash/Clean up around the outside fridge
 - Floor in front of the Alter in need of help – back to the top of the list
- Finance
 - Charged with a 3 questions
 - Handle increase maintenance costs
 - Outreach budget specific line items or not
 - Capital Campaign cost and need
 - It's budget season
 - Initial draft of budget shared and invitation to share thoughts
- Stewardship
 - Time and Talent results distributed
 - Introduce yourself
 - Annual Giving Update
 - To date: -\$308,057 from last years pledge total (137 cards from last year not turned in yet)

Wardens' Reports

- Sr. Warden
 - No Report
- Jr. Warden
 - No Report

Clergy Reports

- Associate Rector Report
 - Report via email
- Rector Report
 - Report via email

Other Business

- St. Martin's Report
 - Discussion and Feedback
 - Request to address needs as lined out in report
- Update on mediation progress
 - Still looking for consultant, but all other requests are being followed eagerly
 - This is considered an ongoing process and not "complete"
 - Will reach out to Bishop for more guidance

Pastoral Update, Prayer, and Adjournment

- Adjournment at 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Chad Cox – Vestry Clerk

Next Meeting of the Vestry: December 18, 2023, in Peach room and via zoom (5:30 PM)

Upcoming Vestry Events

- Casey's Ordination: December 16, at 11:00 AM (estimated time) at Christ Church in Little Rock
- Bishop John Harmon Ordination: January 6, Episcopal Church School Gym in Little Rock
- January Meeting: Sunday, January 14, at 12:30 PM (8 days early)
- Vestry and Staff Party: Friday, January 19, at the Garners' House
- Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 21, at 10:00 AM
- Vestry Retreat: February 2-4 at Camp Mitchell