

**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
October 23, 2023 - 5:30pm – St. Paul's Peach Room / Zoom Video conference.**

Vestry Members and Attendance

Present

Hannah Clark (zoom), Julie Chambers, Elizabeth (Liz) Rosen, Robert Murphy, Jerry Rose, Jeannie Whyne; Jr. Warden, Connor Eldridge

Absent

Myria Allen, Peter Quinlisk, Kristin Payne, Michael Hollomon, Jeremy Oxford; Sr. Warden,

Other Attendees

Evan Garner – Rector, Sara Milford – Associate Rector, David McMath – Treasurer, Mack Mayfield, Chad Cox – Clerk

Opening Prayer

- Call to order at 5:44 PM
- Feast of St. James

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

- Motion by JC, seconded by JW, and approved with no corrections.

Other Business

- Discussion about Bassett Building
 - AJRC as a potential sublease to Day by Day
 - Day by Day would have to approach Vestry for approval
 - Some exterior work to be done – controlled by St. Paul's, but paid for by new tenet
- Transfer of Magdalene Serenity House property to MSH
 - Ready earlier than expected
 - Motion by JR moved, JW second to approve the resolution and authorize our Wardens to sign the agreement to proceed with the sale, approved
- Vestry Retreat Schedule*
 - Likely to change dates due to better attendance - February 2-4 at Camp Mitchell
- Nomination Committee Update
 - Vestry
 - Will need 5 positions
 - 3 forms submitted for consideration so far
 - Asked to think about sharing how your sharing on vestry is meaningful

- No nomination for Endowment committee as of yet

Treasurer's Report

- Report received upon motion by RM and second by JR, approved.
 - On budget mostly at the end of 3rd quarter
 - Not likely to be a surplus year

Committee Reports

- Formation
 - Wonderful Tippy McMichael Lecture
 - Evan expressed thanks for Denise's for her leadership
 - Report on activity from Beth
 - *Sacred Ground* – adding a new class for November, experience described as transformational
 - Steering committees will see movement next month
 - Offsite request for a youth group trip to McGarrah Farms
 - Motion by JR, seconded by JW, approved
- Outreach
 - St Paul's hosting NWA Community Building two-day training on October 27-28
- Parish Life
 - October is last *Dinners for Eight* opportunity for the year
 - Celebration Sunday coming up
 - Directory and Let's Get Acquainted
 - Human ask is important getting new people connected
- Properties
 - Motion from committee for \$5,000 toward motherboard repair for elevator, approved
 - Leslie working on Google Doc for expenditures for the year
 - Parishioners as point people for needs:
 - Category - name
 - Estimate of \$96,000 for HVAC replacement (reengineered for variable zone control and much more efficiency)
 - Motion by JW, seconded by LR to spend \$5,000 on a reengineered design based on energy audit and ask for bids later for installation, approved
 - Bassett Building discernment posters are displayed, survey out to church
 - Grace has made improvements in the kitchen
- Finance
 - No report at this time
- Stewardship
 - Celebration Sunday
 - Asked for additional help that day
 - Evan reviewed the end of service process

- Discussion about paper reduction opportunities continues

Wardens' Reports

- Sr. Warden
 - No report at this time
- Jr. Warden
 - Cashier assistance requested for 8am

Clergy Reports

- Associate Rector Report
 - Via email
 - Bilingual Baptism was really well executed and meaningful
- Rector Report
 - Via email
 - Busiest time of the year

New Business

- Jerry Rose is resigning from vestry due to stress of overcommitment

Pastoral Update, Prayer, and Adjournment

- Many needs in the Parish
- Adjournment at 7:39 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Chad Cox – Vestry Clerk

Next Meeting of the Vestry: November 27, 2023, in Peach room and via zoom

Upcoming Vestry Meeting Dates

- Monday, December 18, at 5:30pm (1 week early)
- Sunday, January 14, at 12:30pm (8 days early)