

**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
September 26, 2022 - 5:30pm – St. Paul's Parish Hall / Zoom Videoconference**

Vestry members – Present

Linda Jones – Senior Warden; Jeremy Oxford - Junior Warden; Jerry Rose; Peter Elzer; Jon Payne; Myria Allen; Michael Hollomon; Robert Murphy; Jeannie Whayne; David Kelley;

Vestry members – Not Present

Conner Eldridge; Melissa Swann;

Other Attendees

Evan Garner – Rector; Adelyn Tyler-Williams - Curate; David McMath – Treasurer; Peter Quinlisk - Clerk; Susan Mayes

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Evan started the meeting at 5:30pm with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

The previous minutes were amended to correct the spelling of Michael Hollomon's name and the removal of the repeat mention of Peter Elzer in attendance.

The amended minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Plans for Further Discussion on Rector/Vestry Relationship

Next special meeting is set for October 10th at 5:30. Further meeting schedule will be decided at that meeting. The meeting will start with finishing the discussion of Community Involvement/Outreach Vision. A poll will be sent out to determine the order of discussion of the other issues.

Treasurer's Report

The report and financial notes were sent out before the meeting. The bottom-line is that the budget is good. We have a search for a new administrator in progress. Financial and Endowment committees met.

We have twelve people who applied for the Parish Administrator position. About half have accounting experience. The list has been narrowed down to three candidates to interview on Zoom this Thursday to decide who to interview in person.

The report was received by vote of vestry.

Committee Reports

- Finance (**Payne**, Kelley, Allen, Eldridge, Murphy, Elzer)
Discussed refinancing and the associate rector search committee budget. If needed, the budget for the search committee could be increased. The committee recommended approving the search committee budget. Budget unanimously approved by vestry vote.

The vestry may need to vote by email on a real estate loan in the coming week or so. If there are questions about the loan, please contact the Treasurer. If needed, there may be a meeting over Zoom to discuss more details.

Leslie has been covering Joy's duties. The committee is looking at recommendations to lessen the burden.

- Formation (Swann, Whayne, Eldridge, Elzer)
Committee is having a retreat on Saturday Oct 1st to get a sense of progress on program.
Committee applauds Emma for her work on the tailgate fundraiser. Hoping to have similar events in the future.
Samantha will be excellent at getting Curtis starting in his new role.
Enneagram Essentials is already showing a lot of interest.
Wednesday Bible Study picking up.
- Outreach (**Kelley**, Hollomon, Oxford, Rose)
The committee did not meet
Still have \$6000 in the budget.
IAF had a meeting to get their first ten organizations signed up. IAF could be helpful for our outreach.
Amnesty Clinic on Oct 4 needs volunteers starting around 8 am.
- Parish Life (**Hollomon**, Rose, Swann, Whayne)
The 175th committee had been formed. Committee discussing 3-day vs. 2-day celebration and what to do at the celebration. They have a few volunteers already.
Discussed name tags for parishioners and having a designated person for welcoming newcomers.
- Properties (**Oxford**, Jones, Payne)
Still talking to contractors about bathrooms.
Working with SWEPCO to replace all thermostats.
Had a dead tree removed by the youth center.
Improved railing on ramp.
Parish Work Day October 22nd.
Looking into repairing damage to the building.
- Stewardship (**Allen**, Jones, Murphy)
Celebration Sunday on October 30th.

Stewardship of Creation discussed the glass recycling program and made a recommendation

to the finance committee to spend \$10 a month on glass pick up. The finance committee recommends and moves that we spend the money as recommended. The vestry unanimously approved the motion.

Need to move quickly to eliminate plastic usage within the parish. Internal policy has been updated to remove single-use items, and compostable items when single-use cannot be avoided.

Wardens' Reports

Senior Warden: n/a

Junior Warden: n/a

Deacon's Report

Kathy is off this week.

Curate's Report

N/A

Associate Rector's Report

Suzanne on vacation.

Rector's Report

Report was sent out in email before the meeting. We currently have three vestry nominations.

Other Business

Associate Rector Search Committee: Several sources have recommended not assigning a committee to make the hire. Instead have a committee to assist and advise the rector in the search and be full partners in the final decision. Linda Jones, Jeremy Oxford, Garrott McClintock, Melissa Swann, Bernadette Reda, and Trent Palmer have been recommended to form the committee. The vestry unanimously approved inviting the recommended people to be on the committee.

Nominating Committee Report: Nominated Elizabeth Powell for a full 6-year term and Holly Park to finish Jerry Rose's term for the Butterfield Trail Committee. The vestry unanimously approved the nominations.

Future meeting will be in the conference room until otherwise decided

Pastoral Update, Prayer, and Adjournment

Adalyn closed with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Quinlisk

Peter Quinlisk – Vestry Clerk

(Next Meeting of the Vestry: Monday, October 24, at 5:30 p.m.)