

**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
December 19, 2022 - 5:30pm – St. Paul's Parish Hall / Zoom Videoconference**

Vestry members – Present

Linda Jones – Senior Warden; Jeremy Oxford - Junior Warden; Peter Elzer; Jon Payne; David Kelley; Conner Eldridge; Myria Allen; Robert Murphy; Elizabeth Rosen; Jeannie Whyne;

Vestry members – Not Present

Michael Hollomon; Jerry Rose

Other Attendees

Evan Garner – Rector; Suzanne – Associate Rector; Adelyn Tyler-Williams - Curate; Julie Chambers - Vestry Member Elect; Hannah Clark - Vestry Member Elect; David McMath – Treasurer; Peter Quinlisk – Clerk;

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

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

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

The amended minutes of the October meeting were approved with two revisions:

1. Start time of the meeting was 5:30pm.
2. The Outreach committee amount to still spend is \$6,000.

Treasurer's Report

November budget about \$95,000 positive. Lesile discovered some very old withholding errors and is getting them sorted out. The Endowment Committee recommended moving 5% of the endowment's value into the operating budget.

The Treasurer's Report was received by the vestry.

Committee Reports

- Formation (**Whyne**, Eldridge, Elzer)
Design committee is on hiatus until after Christmas. They have made very good progress on the Second Breath program.
The pageant was a big hit.
Curtis and Samatha have been doing a great job with Youth programs.
- Outreach (**Kelley**, Hollomon, Oxford, Rose)
Spend the \$6,000 left in the budget. Committee recommends splitting the surplus evenly between

the Justice for All ministry and New Beginnings ministry. The Vestry approved the recommendation.

A \$500 check went out to NAACP for books for schools and libraries.

Sent 120 gift bags to women at the corrections center.

Parishioners sent out gifts to children of incarcerated individuals.

The Harm Reduction Program has been picking up at Community Meals.

Becoming Beloved Community is making a plan to expand throughout the congregation next year.

- Parish Life (**Hollomon**, Rose, Whyne)

The Hospitality Hour in the Welcome Center seems to be growing.

Thanks to the various ministries, especially St. Spat's, for the help with the many funerals this year.

- Properties (**Oxford**, Jones, Payne)

Bathroom renovations progressing.

The South Parish Hall heating unit is on the way.

Basset Building Committee: Co-chairs met and created a plan for proceeding. They are creating a packet of information for those to be invited to serve on the committee. In January, the chairs will contact potential members to serve.

- Stewardship (**Allen**, Jones, Murphy)

Pledge calls are continuing.

Stewardship of Creation is meeting to plan for a carbon-free Lent.

Energy audit has been delayed slightly.

- Finance (**Payne**, Kelley, Allen, Eldridge, Murphy, Elzer)

Committee met yesterday to look over the budget recommendations. The HR committee will meet on Wednesday.

Wardens' Reports

Senior Warden: Welcome to the new vestry members. Thank you to all the support Linda's mother's funeral.

Junior Warden: Welcome to the new vestry members.

Deacon's Report

Working with Lynn Patterson on finding the footing for the Parish Nursing Program.

Curate's Report

Wrapped up St. Martin's for the semester.

Associate Rector's Report

Preparing for the final month as Associate Rector. Extremely grateful for the outpouring of gratitude. Very confident in leaving the parish in the hands of Evan, Sara, and leadership.

Rector's Report

Report was sent out in email before the meeting. Staff evaluations have started. Met with the wardens. Attendance continues growing.

Other Business

Nominating Committee Report: Committee nominated David McMath to be Treasurer of the Vestry for the coming year. The Vestry elected David McMath.

The committee nominated Laura Wilkins to serve on the endowment committee. The Vestry elected Laura Wilkins.

The committee nominated Suzi Freeman as the Delegate to Convention. The Vestry elected Suzi Freeman.

The committee nominated Jeannie Whyne as Junior Warden of the Vestry. The Vestry elected Jeannie Whyne as the next Junior Warden.

Jeremy Oxford was appointed as Senior Warden of the Vestry for the upcoming year.

The committee nominated Peter Quinlisk as Clerk of the Vestry. The Vestry elected Peter Quinlisk as the next Clerk.

Scheduling of Next Vestry Meeting & Vestry Discussion: January meeting was scheduled for the 18th at 6:30pm. Next discussion was scheduled for January 9th at 5:30pm.

Pastoral Update, Prayer, and Adjournment

Evan closed with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Quinlisk – Vestry Clerk

(Next Meeting of the Vestry: Wednesday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m.)

(Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 22, at 10:00a.m.)