

**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
January 18, 2023 - 6:30pm – St. Paul's Conference Room / Zoom Videoconference**

Vestry members – Present

Linda Jones – Senior Warden; Jeremy Oxford - Junior Warden; Peter Elzer; David Kelley; Conner Eldridge; Myria Allen; Jerry Rose; Robert Murphy; Elizabeth Rosen; Jeannie Whayne;

Vestry members – Not Present

Michael Hollomon; Jon Payne

Other Attendees

Evan Garner – Rector; Julie Chambers - Vestry Member Elect; Hannah Clark - Vestry Member Elect; Kristin Payne - Vestry Member Elect; David McMath – Treasurer; Peter Quinlisk – Clerk;

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Evan started the meeting at 6:38pm with a reading and a prayer.

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Financial health of the church is fine. We seem to be back to normal from the pandemic as far as the finances go. Leslie is a very hard worker and is handling the large learning curve well.

The Treasurer's Report was received by the vestry.

2023 Budget

The proposed 2023 budget submitted by the Finance Committee was approved by the vestry.

Committee Reports

- Formation (**Whayne**, Eldridge, Elzer)
Design committee restarted after Christmas, meeting next Thursday.
Sunday school classes have been larger the past couple weeks.
- Outreach (**Kelley**, Hollomon, Oxford, Rose)
MLK Day of Service went very well.
Arkansas Justice Reform asked to use our parking lot for an event.
- Parish Life (**Hollomon**, Rose, Whayne)

No report from Parish Life.

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

Water damage has been found in the Basset Building.

Bathroom renovations are progressing.

The energy audit has been delayed. Clear Result serviced 6 of our units. They're predicting that it will reduce our energy consumption and carbon output. Clear Result's report to Pinnacle has delayed the energy audit by Pinnacle. The money for the audit has already been set aside.

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

Housing Allowance Resolution: A resolution was passed to allocate a portion of the clergy allowance as housing.

Signature Authority Resolution: A resolution was passed to allow certain members to sign checks on behalf of St. Paul's.

Budget Surplus: The finance committee recommended putting the budget surplus from this year into the bathroom renovation, with any left over being allocated at that time. The vestry voted to adopt the recommendation.

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

Stewardship of Creation is pushing for a carbon free lent. There will be a calendar in the Welcome Center with several tips to reduce their carbon footprint. They are also planning two events during lent.

Other Business

Vestry Retreat: The retreat is the last weekend of January.

Vestry Contact Information: A list of contact information of the vestry will be sent out for corrections.

Susie Norys has reported that a discernment committee has been formed for the discernment of a call to seminary.

Convention Alternate: Allen Carney has been elected as an alternate to convention in Jeremy's place.

Parochial Report: The parochial report was approved by the vestry and will be submitted to the diocese.

Wardens' Reports

Senior Warden: Thank you to the outgoing Vestry. We accomplished a lot this year. Excited for the upcoming year and next vestry. Suzanne's celebration was great. Thank you to Evan.

Junior Warden: No report.

Deacon's Report

N/A

Curate's Report

N/A

Associate Rector's Report

N/A

Rector's Report

Report was sent out in email before the meeting. Suzanne's leaving allowed us to grieve and celebrate in all the right ways. Excited about Sara's arrival. Working on ways to say goodbye to Adelyn. Ended the year strong. Thank you to the outgoing vestry members.

Pastoral Update, Prayer, and Adjournment

Evan closed with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Quinlisk – Vestry Clerk

(Next Meeting of the Vestry: Sunday, February 27, at 5:30 p.m.)

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

(Vestry Retreat: January 27 7:00p.m. - January 29 11:00a.m. at Camp Mitchell)