

**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
July 25, 2022 - 5:30pm – St. Paul's Parish Hall / Zoom Videoconference**

Vestry members – Present

Myria Allen; Michael Holloman; Linda Jones – Senior Warden; David Kelley; Robert Murphy; Jerry Rose; Melissa Swann; Jeannie Whyne

Vestry Members – Not present

Lara Cato; Conner Eldridge; Jeremy Oxford - Junior Warden; Jon Payne;

Other Attendees

Evan Garner – Rector; Suzanne Stoner - Associate Rector; Adelyn Tyler-Williams - Curate; David McMath – Treasurer; Peter Elzer – Clerk

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Evan started the meeting at 5:33pm with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

A few minor changes were made to the minutes. The minutes of the June meeting were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report

The report and financial notes were attached to the meeting invite. Pledge income was down for June, mostly due an expected quarterly pledge not being made until July. Expenses are on budget, with the exception of Parish Life – due to last month's picnic.

The report was received by acclamation.

Committee Reports

- Formation (**Cato**, Eldridge, Swann, Whyne)
Emails have gone out to request participation in a steering committee, with limited success so far. Samantha is working on a Fall Formation conference.
- Outreach (**Kelley**, Hollomon, Oxford, Rose)
The committee did not meet. The car clinic went well, with a higher-than-expected demand and the mechanics working from 8a to 8p. Cost for the event was roughly \$6,000, funded from multiple sources.
The NWA Circles and Industrial Areas Foundation groups have asked for St. Paul's involvement. IAF will be invited to a future vestry meeting.
Dinners for 8 should be kicked off again in September.
- Parish Life (**Hollomon**, Rose, Swann, Whyne)
Grace is planning for volunteers to replace her during her parental leave, starting September 14.

The committee is looking for a chairperson to head up the celebration planning for next year's church anniversary, with the task to coordinate multiple focus areas.

The committee will collect notes on the parish picnic to be referenced for next year's event.

The vestry will be serving Wednesday dinner on September 21.

- Properties (**Oxford**, Jones, Payne)
The parish workday was a success. A cleanup day for the youth is being planned for August 13. EfM is asking the vestry to approve an alcohol use request for their welcome and showcase event. The request was approved by acclamation.
Jeremy is asked to review options regarding the uneven bricks at the front entrance, and about a handrail / improving the grip on the ramp near the lectern.
- Stewardship (**Allen**, Jones, Murphy)
Robert shared the responses to requests for catering the Celebration Sunday meal. The motion was made and accepted to sign the offer from Catering Unlimited.
Time & Talent: The Ministry Fair is scheduled for August 21. The vestry discussed a committee suggestion to improve the adoption of name tags.
Creation: The committee is preparing for a capital campaign, and is challenging the vestry to also consider energy future.
- Finance (**Payne**, Allen, Cato, Eldridge, Kelley, Murphy)
The committee did not meet.

Wardens' Reports

Senior Warden: Linda is at Subiaco for Choir Camp this week. Please remember to sign up for Breakfast and Supper duty.

Junior Warden: n/a

Curate's Report

Adelyn has been doing research and learning about jails and prisons in Arkansas. She is excited to start her second year at St. Martin's.

Associate Rector's Report

Suzanne is looking forward to her retirement in January of next year.

Deacon's Report

n/a

Rector's Report

The report was attached to the meeting invite. Evan is working on staffing the capital campaign, but realizes that the search for a new associate rector will take a lot of time and energy in the coming months. Evan is planning for his sabbatical June 1 to September 1 2023.

Other Business

Lara Cato has resigned from the vestry, with four months left on her three-year term. The vestry determined a vacancy by acclamation.

Pastoral Update, Prayer, and Adjournment

Adelyn closed with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Elzer

Peter Elzer – Vestry Clerk

(Next Meeting of the Vestry: Monday, August 22, at 5:30 p.m.)