

**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
March 28, 2022 - 5:30pm – St. Paul's Parish Hall / Zoom Videoconference**

Vestry members – Present

Myria Allen; Lara Cato; Kay DuVal; Conner Eldridge Linda Jones – Senior Warden; David Kelley; Jeremy Oxford - Junior Warden; Jon Payne; Melissa Swann; Jeannie Whyne

Vestry Members – Not present

Michael Holloman; Jerry Rose

Other Attendees

Evan Garner – Rector; David McMath – Treasurer; Peter Elzer – Clerk;

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

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

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the February meeting were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report

The report and financial notes were attached to the meeting invite. The fiscal year is off to a good start. The banking fee line in the budget is due to Tithely fees, a safety deposit box and brokerage fees. The full financial audit is scheduled for June this year (every three years). The report was received by acclamation.

Committee Reports

- Formation (**Cato**, Eldridge, Swann, Whyne)
The committee did not meet this month. The work for VBS and fall classes is ongoing. The current classes are finishing up after easter. Evan is very pleased with the organization of work by Samantha and Emma.
- Outreach (**Kelley**, Hollomon, Oxford, Rose)
The committee did not meet this month. The next steps for the committee are to review the list of outreach partners. St. Martin's is showing growth and energy, thanks to Adelyn's effort.
- Parish Life (**Hollomon**, DuVal, Swann, Whyne)
The committee met with Grace regarding her upcoming parental leave, and shared thoughts on coverage during her absence. The committee will determine the financial commitment required to potentially pay hourly wages if needed.
For the newcomers group the committee will reach out to parish members who can share experience and provide guidance.
- Properties (**Oxford**, Jones, Payne)
 - The tree trimming work was completed.

- The Bassett building needs a leak repair on the gutters.
 - The Evermore jewelry business is planning a renovation and expansion to the business (resale of luxury goods, estate coins). Kay would like to keep Evermore from selling fur products. Conner would like to clarify the language on the lease purpose (new vs. used goods, no imitation products, no loans / pawn). The motion to approve this expansion - pending an update to the lease agreement (Conner / wardens) and renovation plan (wardens) - was carried by acclamation.
 - The request for the Fayetteville High School to use the church for their Madrigal feast was carried by acclamation. The same \$1,500 rate will be charged as in the past.
 - The wheelchair accessible van might need repairs.
 - A handrail for the ramp by the pulpit is being planned.
- Stewardship (**Allen**, DuVal, Jones)
The committee did not meet this month. Focus this year will be on Stewardship of Creation. The committee will meet with Susan Hays to review the work of the other sub-committees.
 - Finance (**Payne**, Allen, Cato, Eldridge, Kelley, Rose)
Mike Hays has requested to be removed from the endowment committee. Suggestions for a replacement are welcome.
The planning for a new HR committee is under way.

Wardens' Reports

Senior Warden: The stained-glass windows could be ready to be re-installed in April. Linda is thankful for how the staff handled the two losses in the past weeks.

Junior Warden: The parish workday is scheduled for April 9th.

Curate's Report

n/a

Associate Rector's Report

n/a

Rector's Report

The report was attached to the meeting invite.

Other Business

- Meeting Endowment Committee: David and Linda were happy with the discussion at Gearhart and is pleased with the choice of broker for St. Paul's.
- We anticipate that help is needed for Samantha's work with the choir club on Wednesdays (3-5p).
- The vestry discussed ways to show our love and support for Samantha.
- Alcohol Beverage Request Form: The request for the Fayetteville Education Association's event was approved by acclamation.
- May 6/7 is the tentative date for the Vestry retreat.
- Please remember to sign up for the cashier's duty on Sundays.

Pastoral Update, Prayer, and Adjournment

Evan closed with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Elzer

Peter Elzer – Vestry Clerk

(Next Meeting of the Vestry: Monday, April 25, at 5:30 p.m.)