### 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 27, 2023 - 5:30pm – St. Paul's Conference Room / Zoom Video conference

#### **Vestry Members and Attendance**

<u>Present</u>

Jeremy Oxford; Sr. Warden (zoom), Connor Eldridge (zoom), Hannah Clark (zoom), Jerry Rose, Michael Hollomon, Julie Chambers, Kristin Payne, Elizabeth (Liz) Rosen, Peter Quinlisk, Myria Allen, Robert Murphy, Jeannie Whayne; Jr. Warden

#### Other Attendees

Evan Garner – Rector, Kathy McGregor – Deacon, David McMath – Treasurer, Chad Cox – Clerk, Mac Mayfield

### Call to Order and Opening Prayer

• Evan started the meeting at 5:30 PM with information on Charles Henry Brent, followed by an opening prayer

### Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

• Approved with minor spelling corrections

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Operating Report is fine, typical for February, ahead of budget
- Committed to lots of roof repairs that need to be added to budget
- Bathroom renovation set to restricted account
- Endowment committee met in February
- Discussion on keeping limits under the FDIC insurance limit to be researched
- The report was received by the vestry

#### **Committee Reports**

- Formation
  - Report via email
  - Youth pastor search
  - Ministries and leaders identified
  - Tippy needs new chair, but loose timeline
- Outreach
  - Report via email
  - Bassett Building Proposal

- Bail Bond Program Unused room in Bassett Building, 1900 sq ft sublet from current tenant, needs new entrance, \$19,000 less income in each year
  - No formal motion at this time, but discussion followed
  - Finance not in favor
  - General thoughts: Other space available?, Timeline is a key factor, space need for client consultation, could the org approach the current tenant, grant funding for space?
- o Bathroom support and water station register for the Pride Parade
  - Intentional community for LGBTQ Vicky Harrod as possible leader
- Food Pantry and Fridge
  - Loose group that taking care of it, space as things brought
- Bassett Building Discernment
  - Use grew from use for non-profit to a bigger for mission focused realestate with 175th anniversary coming up
    - Trinity Wall Street may be approached, mixed use development
    - Generate income to help fund outreach
    - Motion approved to encourage further exploration this as an option
    - Next meeting after April Vestry meeting
- Parish Life
  - Report via email
    - 175<sup>th</sup> celebration Saturday for the perimeter walk, but not picnic picnic moved to Sunday for attendance concerns
- Properties
  - Report sent including meeting about solar to provide 40% of current energy needs, 30% payback in govt incentives
  - Bassett Roof is complete
  - Bathroom partitions for women's restrooms were incorrect and reordered.
  - Dropbox folder being created for properties use files, contacts, etc.
  - o Parish workday in on Saturday 8am-12pm
- Finance
  - Considered Bishop's request to pay for ¾ of a priest's time to work at St.
    Martin's. \$10,000 for each year from St. Paul's Not recommended at this time due to other financial commitments.
  - February 1 rent change for Bassett, but has not been enforced due to issues in the building. Could let it go for as a "gift" for those issues through the length of those to be repaired.
- Stewardship
  - o Report via email
    - Includes a motion to adopt policies promoting sustainably for all functions held on church grounds.

- Committee recommend update to building use policy not a penalty but a grace period and educational moment.
- Robert offered consultant services to help outside groups understand how to manage the change.
- Carbon Free Lent activities going well, looking at ways to do that quarterly throughout the year, using ministry fair and a way to align output with connection.

### Wardens' Reports

- Sr. Warden
  - Bathroom update
- Jr. Warden
  - Formation committee work
  - Golden Thread, still fleshing out 2-semester course

# **Clergy Reports**

- Rector report via email
  - $\circ~$  Sabbatical dates in June, July and August, feels prepared
  - Staff changes have been challenging, but overall better work/life balance
- Associate Rector Report via email
- Deacon
  - o Current outreach: Harm Reduction, Prison ministry had a film, and the Art sale
  - Rescue Wedding at Botanical Garden
  - Caring Friends Ministry to be offered safely and pause it for the moment
    - Policy coming for the safeguarding of venerable adults

# New Business

- May vestry meeting likely to endorse ordination for Curtis Moneymaker
- Parish t-shirt "Rooted in Love" theme
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Wear to picnic  $\,$

# Adjournment

• Evan closed with prayer and a blessing at 8:32 PM

Respectfully submitted, Chad Cox – Vestry Clerk

# Next Meeting of the Vestry: April 24, 2023, at 5:30 PM in the board room/online.