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 November 28, 2022 - 5:30pm – St. Paul's Conference / Zoom Videoconference

Vestry members – Present

Linda Jones – Senior Warden; Jerry Rose; Peter Elzer; Jon Payne; Myria Allen; Robert Murphy; Jeannie Whayne; David Kelley; Conner Eldridge

Vestry members – Not Present

Jeremy Oxford - Junior Warden; Michael Hollomon

Other Attendees

Evan Garner – Rector; Suzanne – Associate Rector; Adelyn Tyler-Williams - Curate; 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. The Outreach committee amount to still spend is \$6,000.
- 2. The name of the solar company is Stitt Solar Energy.

Treasurer's Report

Pleased with Leslie taking over the Parish Administrator position. Financial reports are good; continue to be above income and below expenses. Finished the refinance of the mortgage.

The Treasurer's Report was received by the vestry.

Committee Reports

• Formation (Whayne, Eldridge, Elzer)

Children and Youth volunteers will have a party later this month.

Curtis is looking to have more meetings offsite. He is hoping to do a winter hike on January 22nd. The vestry approved allowing an offsite meeting at Mount Sequoyah, Mount Kessler, Lake Fayetteville, or Arcadia.

• Outreach (**Kelley**, Hollomon, Oxford, Rose)

The Becoming Beloved Community started meeting again. Requested \$500 allotment for the NAACP.

Plan to have an idea in December of where to spend the \$6,000 still in the budget.

Working with BBC to begin taking on MLK Day of Service.

• Parish Life (**Hollomon**, Rose, Whayne)

Attendance seems to be returning, with many new faces.

Justin Sneed had volunteered to take up scheduling for the ushers.

Grateful Grace Cleghorn is back.

Thankful for the local businesses donating and assisting with Community Meals.

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

Bathrooms have been gutted and renovations are continuing.

One of the Basset buildings has a bad leak, and may need a new roof.

Stained window is back.

Alcohol Use request by Ozark Highlanders approved by the vestry.

AC unit replacement in South Parish Hall has been ordered and is on the way.

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

Leslie Alexander Simmons & Greenwood Gearhart Access: The vestry approved granting Leslie Alexander access to the parish accounts in her capacity as Parish Administrator.

• Stewardship (Allen, Jones, Murphy)

Thank you everyone for Celebration Sunday, especially Robert for running the kitchen.

The energy audit will be started on December 6th.

Stitt Solar came and looked at the property to provide a proposal early next year.

Had a wonderful field trip and came back with many ideas about recycling.

Wardens' Reports

Senior Warden: No report.

Junior Warden: n/a

Deacon's Report

Kathy is at a warming center meeting to learn about setting up St. Paul's as a warming center.

Curate's Report

No report.

Associate Rector's Report

No report.

Rector's Report

Report was sent out in email before the meeting.

Other Business

Vestry Election Details: We have five vacancies to fill. Elections will start December 11th.

Bassett Building Discernment Committee: The vestry came up with a list of potential members, and decided to contact three of them to chair the committee.

Associate Rector Search Update: A new associate rector will begin on February 1st with their first Sunday being February 5th. Suzanne's last Sunday will be January 22nd.

Pastoral Update, Prayer, and Adjournment

Evan closed with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Quinlisk

Peter Quinlisk – Vestry Clerk

(Next Meeting of the Vestry: Monday, December 19, at 5:30 p.m.)