

**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
October 24, 2022 - 5:30pm – St. Paul's Conference / Zoom Videoconference**

Vestry members – Present

Linda Jones – Senior Warden; Jeremy Oxford - Junior Warden; Jerry Rose; Peter Elzer; Jon Payne; Myria Allen; Michael Hollomon; Robert Murphy; Jeannie Whayne; David Kelley; Melissa Swann; Conner Eldridge

Vestry members – Not Present

None

Other Attendees

Evan Garner – Rector; Suzanne – Associate Rector; Kathy McGregor – Deacon; David McMath – Treasurer; Peter Quinlisk – Clerk;

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Evan started the meeting at 5:32pm with a reading and a prayer.

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

The amended minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Reflections on Vestry-Rector Conversations

Melissa Swann resigned from the vestry. The other vestry members are thankful for her work and effort.

Treasurer's Report

The report and financial notes were sent out before the meeting. We are doing well. Expenses are below budgeted and income is above budgeted. Will be meeting with the Endowment Committee. Talking to banks about refinancing.

Leslie has stepped into the administrator position.

The treasurer's report was received by the vestry.

Committee Reports

• Formation (**Whayne**, Eldridge, Elzer)

The committee needs to select a leader. Jeannie Whayne has volunteered to take that position. Discussing with Time & Talent about restarting Let's Get Acquainted. Offering a workshop for communion for children.

Youth is having a Halloween party this next Sunday.
Enneagram Essentials workshop is happening the second weekend of November.

- Outreach (**Kelley**, Hollomon, Oxford, Rose)
Still have \$6,00 to spend
Still need to make a decision on Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF)
Great response to the Warrant Clinic
McMayfield is working to write a grant proposal with Justice for All
- Parish Life (**Hollomon**, Rose, Swann, Whyne)
No report
- Properties (**Oxford**, Jones, Payne)
Bathroom Renovation Proposal: Talked to several contractors. Got a quote to gut two bathrooms, rebuild them, and add a handicapped accessible, taking the adjacent office out. We have \$58k in reserve, and this quote is for \$61k. The project is projected to take three months. Committee recommends the bid be approved. The vestry approved the bid and fulfillment of the remaining funds to come from the maintenance fund.

Work day went well. Met several new people. Discussed having more work days.

Installation of the stained-glass window should happen soon.

- Finance (**Payne**, Kelley, Allen, Eldridge, Murphy, Elzer)
Leslie Alexander Bank Inquiry Authority: Vestry voted to grant Leslie inquiry authority

Bassett Building Loan Approval: Committee is recommending accepting the loan and authorizing the Wardens to sign the paperwork once ready. The Vestry voted to accept the committee's recommendation.

Energy Audit Proposal: Committee sent out a quote for an energy audit to help prioritize work we can do to make St. Paul's more energy efficient. The committee recommends performing the audit to allow us to plan how we want to address future renovations. The Vestry voted to move forward with the energy audit and pay for it from the maintenance reserve.

- Stewardship (**Allen**, Jones, Murphy)
Getting ready for Celebration Sunday.

Walk through with Holistically Green Living solar energy on Thursday October 27th at noon.

Wardens' Reports

Senior Warden: Will send out summary of notes from last meeting
Junior Warden: n/a

Deacon's Report

Nothing to report.

Curate's Report

N/A

Associate Rector's Report

Thank you to all who have been helping out with the numerous funerals.

Rector's Report

Report was sent out in email before the meeting. Need to find a new parish secretary. Thankful for staff help through the many transitions.

Other Business

Nominating Committee Report: We have three official nominations for vestry. We have about two weeks left to gather ten nominees. Butterfield nominees accepted

Associate Rector Search Update: Committee has a couple candidates at the moment. Evan is hoping to have an associate record soon.

Bassett Building Discernment Committee: Need a committee to discern plans for the Bassett Building. Plan to discuss who will make up the committee at the next meeting.

Vestry Vacancy: The Vestry voted to declare a vacancy for Melissa's position.

Pastoral Update, Prayer, and Adjournment

Suzanne closed with a prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Quinlisk – Vestry Clerk

(Next Meeting of the Vestry: Monday, November 28, at 5:30 p.m.)