

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
July 22, 2021

Present: Rebecca Bennett, Janis Bugbee, Maggie Hart, Ed Henneke, Elizabeth Jordan, Ferrell Katzenberger, Babara Mannor, TaMara Oertel, Walt Peake

Guests on zoom: Partners for Sacred Places - Joshua and Sara

1. Elizabeth Jordan opened with Bible study at 12:08

12:22 Barbara Mannor invited Walt Peake to fill us in about the art in the building. Walt shared that earlier today he and Maggie Hart met with Tracy Glabb from Flint Institute of Arts who reviewed our art and will be doing some research on it. She will also put us in touch with a conservator to make recommendations about care and restoration.

2. 12:30 Joshua and Sara from Partners from Sacred Places joined us on zoom. Everyone introduced themselves. Discussion about our current state - looking for interim priest- the need to do a survey of the parishioners, possible strategic visioning, plan for the 150th anniversary, asset mapping.

Joshua Kostaneo is Director and Sara Jones - Assistant Community Director resident in Chicago. Discussed Congregational Asset mapping and what it will look like - possibility of 6 to 8 sessions of 60 - 90 minutes each.

Rebecca will work with Edie to update the website.

3. April minutes approved- Tamara moved motion. Ed seconded
May minutes approved- Tamara moved motion. Ferrell seconded
June minutes approved- Tamara moved motion. Rebecca seconded

Discussion about ministry committees. Ministry committees' minutes need to be kept and put in the machine room in a 3 -ring binder. So far Stewardship, Diversity and Pastoral Care have turned in reports.

Building Grounds, Liturgy and Worship, and Finance need to be turned in.

4. Finance: Maggie gave the Finance report with notes from George.
Amount for Camp Chickagami 2021 not yet determined.

5. Elizabeth Jordan: The parochial report has erroneously reported all income as operating funds. Outreach funds given to St. Andrews and Chickagami are to be reported separately. The reason for this is that only operating funds should be considered by the Diocese for determining our tithe. When the money is given to St. Andrews and Camp Chickagami report it as part of their operating funds and pay a tithe on it. If we report it as well the money is being double 'taxed'.

Maggie Hart notes that the finance committee and George Gibson are aware of how to report funds on the parochial report going forward.

The Diocese has paid the One License account for use of music for the entire diocese. Therefore, Holly is aware that we do not need to pay separately for a license. We just have to

sign in to the account and report our use of music printed in bulletins etc. This license gives us permission to reprint, podcast and/or stream the music in our services.

6. Building and Grounds: Rebecca reported that John Katzenburger is to get in touch with Al Brisbane regarding gas leak.

She also reported that Quin Evans - the company we asked to evaluate the state of the church building is not responding to our inquiries. She will call architects in Lansing.

Tamara moved and Ed seconded motion to allow John Katzenburger to trim the trees outside the church. Motion carried.

Recommendation from committee to buy vinyl overlays for signs. Rebecca moved. Motion carried.

Parking lot issues tabled, Still researching the fountain.

Speakers in the church are not working correctly Tamara to get an estimate to review the sound system.

7. Janis Bugbee moved and Ed Henneke seconded motion to buy vestry pins.

8. August activities: After some discussion Tamara moved and Ferrell seconded motion to cancel 'Back to the Bricks' tent and food. - motion carried. Church will be open for Back to the Bricks and Crim for bathroom use, tours, and water.

Funeral for Lucy Habte-Gabr - dinner will be catered and there are people to serve it.

9. September activities Church picnic is tabled. Order of St. Luke will be at Chickagami week of September 19th 2021. Vestry meeting. September 23, 2021 Vestry meeting - Ferrell and Rebecca absent.

10. Vestry retreat - October 28, 2021 - will be lunch and afternoon spent on exploring our 'colors.' (personality)

Art walk to begin again in October. Audrey Stephens continues to book artists for musical and artistic selections.

11. Discussion about the calendar. Getting requests for use of the building. Everything must be on the calendar in the machine room.

12. Need to do a pictorial directory. Tabled to coincide with the 150th anniversary.

13. Cannon Spencer on vacation until July 25, 2021. Barb will check with him about interim candidates.

14. Ed shared an update on his review of all grants, gifts and bequests - noted there is a book with a list of trusts/investments. He challenged vestry to determine how we honor the people who have left us money through the years. He has a list of these people/families and the amounts that they have left to St. Pauls.

15. Adjournment 3:28 The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

D. Elizabeth Jordan
Vestry Member

