

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Meeting of the Vestry  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Attending: Fr. Don Davison, Barbara Mannor, Becky Bennett, Maggie Hart, Walt Peake, Joel Arnold, Tina Morrison, Jan Bugbee, Celeste Lord.

Absent: Ferrell Katzenburger, Elizabeth Jordan

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 who lead in prayer and reflection from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer.

Consent Items:

Minutes of April meeting were tabled until next meeting for adjustments.

REPORTS

Financial report read by Maggie Hart. Update on budget revenues and expenditures is shown to be at the accepted balances.

Senior Warden: New cabinets and wardrobes for the care of vestments should be considered as the old cabinets are no longer fulfilling the purpose.

Motion by Barb Mannor, Supported by Joel Arnold

The Vestry requests that the Altar Guild supply new cabinets and wardrobes in the Sacristy for handing clergy and lay vestments. Carried

A big "Thank you" to our Jr. Warden for work in maintaining our building. Her work has been non-stop and the rewards are showing. However, we still have issues with the water bills. A conversation with an employee at the Flint water department indicated we may have problems with water continually running at some spot in the building. We will investigate and hopefully get our water bill reduced. Jr. Warden will contact a plumber on this matter.

A reminder to refer to our church calendar and add committee meetings or events.

St. Paul's will be having a Camp Chick Day Camp in Flint in August (date to be determined).

Art Walk commencing second Friday of every month for the summer.

Confirmation service will be May 22, with Bishop Singh.

#### Junior Warden:

We have quotes for the door closure in Barth Hall, it will be repaired as soon as the parts arrive.

Leaky kitchen faucet is being repaired.

Action Plumbing is investigating the leak in the basement and will report back.

#### Update PSP/Intersection:

Everything on track for Cornerstone at the Intersection Sunday, May 22, and PSP for June 2.

#### Priest-In-Charge:

Committee's function is under the authority of the Vestry. They are appointed by the Rector with affirmation of the vestry. No committee can exist without appointment and affirmation.

Included are: (at this time)

Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Stewardship Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee, Intersection 150 Committee, Search Committee

Committee's function under their mission or charge given to them by the Vestry. Only the vestry can modify that charge. Only the Rector can appoint the chair and members of committees. Committees should make a report to the vestry every time they meet. That report may be submitted by the chairperson of the Committee or by the Vestry liaison to that Committee.

A Ministry Group is basically a committee that operates with the support and supervision of the Rector. The Rector appoints the chairperson and members, and the Vestry affirm. The Rector helps the group to write their mission and the group cannot change its chairperson, membership or mission without the

permission of the Rector. Ministry groups also report to the vestry after each meeting.

Ministry Groups include:

Diversity, Pastoral Care and Hospitality, Outreach, Technology, Worship

The Vestry is not a committee, and no committee (ministry group) should take place at a vestry meeting. Groups that need policy, money, guidance (permission) from the Vestry bring that to the Vestry via their report. A recommendation from a committee is a “motion” that must be decided by the vestry.

Other topics that were mentioned by Fr. Don were:

Communication: The Parish should speak with one clear voice, usually the Rector, when communicating whether on social media or in person.

Vestry on Call: For the months of June and August vestry will be on call. We will meet in July, but if necessary we will meet.

Hybrid Meetings: We will either all meet electronic or all in person. This is much less confusing and all vestry members are treated equally.

Vestment Wardrobes: Altar guild will take suggestions under advisement and seek out replacement for vestments, new Lenten Array of off white.

Comcast: Fr. Don gave an update on the bother we have had with Comcast and will seek to resolve the problem.

Database: Work should start on our church directory.

Kitchen: We have no one with updated credentials for operation in our kitchen. During Covid our certificates has expired. Joel Arnold offered his license added to Ferrell and Becky making us in compliance with Michigan Law once again.

General Convention: Of interest to St. Paul’s is the conversation taking place about paying clergy and lay health insurance. If passed in the house of deputies and house of Bishops, parishes would be allowed to provide insurance from a different plan if it is identical to the plan proposed by the diocese.

Meeting closed with prayer from New Zealand Book of Common Prayer

Meeting adjourned 7:00