

Minutes of St. Paul's Episcopal Church Outreach Committee
Date: August 19, 2022

Present: Carole Davis, Mike Farver, Barbara Mannor, Jo Miska, Lanie Nix, Karen Schaefer, Betty Anne Taylor, David Taylor

Karen Schaefer called the meeting to order with an opening prayer.

The minutes of the July 15, 2022 meeting were presented and unanimously approved. Barbara Mannor made the motion to approve the minutes and Carole Davis seconded the motion.

The Outreach Committee discussed the new grant proposal guidelines for nonprofits and others to use for project funding from St. Paul's. Karen Schaefer explained that the Finance Committee developed the guidelines that will take effect on September 1, 2022, pending approval by the vestry.

After discussion, Barbara Mannor added that St. Paul's would continue with its \$4,000 annual payment to Crossover Outreach Ministry because we helped develop this ministry with other churches in downtown Flint. Crossover would not submit a grant for the donation but any new projects would have to go through the grant proposal funding process.

David Taylor suggested adding a statement to the grant guidelines that those submitting proposals could include photographs as part of their proposal package.

Agenda item #4 to develop a formal motion for the vestry to support a \$25,000 fundraiser for the proposed \$2 million facility for Crossover Outreach was tabled and will be on the September agenda. Denise Diller, Executive Director at Crossover, explained at our July meeting that they have reached their goal except for \$300,000. Crossover has opened up their campaign for public donors to sponsor different rooms/spaces in the new facility. St. Paul's Outreach would like to sponsor for \$25,000, the Volunteer/Employee Lounge. Lanie Nix will prepare information for the committee to review on fundraising projects and details of volunteer involvement.

The Outreach Committee is planning on continuing its support of working with the Worship Committee for the annual 'Blessing of the Animals' service scheduled for Sunday, October 9, 2022. Betty Anne Taylor made the motion to invite the Genesee County Humane Society to participate. Jo Miska seconded the motion. Karen will contact the Humane Society to invite their participation. Barbara Mannor will prepare a Task List for the event.

Under New Business, Karen reviewed the recent meeting with John Mullaly, junior warden of St. Andrews Episcopal Church on the East Side of Flint. Five members of Outreach (Maggie Hart, Barbara Mannor, Karen Schaefer, Betty Anne Taylor, and David Taylor) met with John on Thursday, August 18, 2022.

The purpose of the meeting with the junior warden was to encourage communication, build a relationship, and consider areas of collaboration. Barbara mentioned that St. Paul's has been supporting different organizations but not following up on how the funds are used or requiring progress reports. John said that St. Andrews is experiencing a declining membership similar to St. Paul's. They have a soup kitchen, clothing distribution, and support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Al Anon (understanding group for friends and family of problem drinkers). The Outreach group requested that St. Andrews submit its annual report so we can better understand their circumstances. St. Paul's has supported St. Andrews for many years with annual gifts of \$36,946.

Karen followed up on our sponsorship of a cage at the Humane Society in honor of Dr. John Snell and Mary Snell. Karen photographed the cage with the engraved plaque.



The next Outreach Committee is scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2022.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Moon Schaefer