

PSP

The committee working with Partners for Sacred Places (PSP) has been diligently at work. Beginning in January, the committee has been meeting every other Monday night with staff at PSP to discuss how St. Paul's can utilize its gifts to meet the needs of our community.

The committee currently consists of Velecia Ford, Barbara Mannor, Maggie Hart, Joel Arnold, Dexter Clarke from GHS, and Tim Grant, along with two PSP staff. The purpose of some of these conversations have been varied. We have reviewed St. Paul's current mission statement and considered if it reflects our goals in the community. We've discussed a "secular" mission statement to identify how we want to work with partners and be seen to those who may not be seeking a religious affiliation with the church. We've also begun discussions around how to concretely build partnerships with a workable logistic structure - who opens doors and when, who staffs building events, etc.

In many ways, this latter issue has come up over and over again. We will continue to meet through the first week of April and we will have more to share around how this process has helped us identify partnerships with the community and workable methods to make our space available to others while we also build a deeper sense of why we as a parish want to do this work.

If you have any questions about this work as it moves forward, just reach out to Joel Arnold at 810-358-7886.