

St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Flint Michigan
Vestry meeting of August 23, 2023

Present: Rev. Tom Manney, Zan Millner, Elizabeth Jordan, Tina Morrison, Heather Meyer-Gagnon, Jan Bugbee

Absent: Celeste Lord-Timlin, Joel Arnold, Walt Peake

Started with prayer BCP p139 at 7:02 p.m.

Vestry went into session at 7:19 p.m.

The minutes of the special meeting of June 7, 2023 was moved by Elizabeth and second by Tina. Reviewed and approved by affirmation of vestry.

The special & regular meeting minutes of June 28, 2023 was moved by Elizabeth and second by Zan. Reviewed and stand approved by affirmation of vestry.

There was no vestry meeting in July 2023.

A vote was done by email on August 9, 2023 for the Diocese of Eastern Michigan Audit / Financial Review Guidelines. For the 2022 Financial Review.

Vote went as follows:

Elizabeth Jordan: Yes

Celeste Lord-Timlin: Yes

Joel Arnold: Yes

Tina Morrison: Yes

Heather Meyer-Gagnon: Yes

Zan Millner: Yes

The Financial Report of July 31, 2023 was reviewed and approved by affirmation of vestry.

Senior Warden:

1. Vestry Leaders / Stewardship was looked at in the past week and was suggested that each ministry go to their groups and consider preparing an announcement for one of the Sundays during the pledge campaign. Each ministries would share about 5 minutes announcing who they are and what they do and what it means to the parish. This would take place September 17th to November 26, 2023.
2. Proposed Motion: Capital campaigns being one of three elements of our Stewardship program (along with Pledge Campaigns and Planned Giving) the vestry authorizes the Stewardship ministry to explore the possibility/feasibility of engaging an engineering/architectural firm to complete a 'conditions assessment' in anticipation of a future capital campaign. This motion does not grant any authority to obligate any funds or enter into any formal agreements. Rather it simply authorizes the Stewardship ministry to begin the conversation with potential vendors. Elizabeth moves this motion and Zan seconds. Approved by all members of the vestry.

Report of the Priest in Charge:

Talked about maybe starting back up an 8am Sunday morning service for those that may want an earlier service. Still have to work out the details and see who is interested in an earlier service.

A motion to pick a new Convention Delegate was brought to the vestry. Since our current Delegate is moving and unable to remain in that position.

It was moved by Heather to appoint Elizabeth Jordan as the Convention Delegate and Jelecia Ford Geraghty as the alternate. Zan second the motion. All of vestry are in agreement; motion passed

Ministry Objectives:

1. Bring in more parishioners and grow attendance.
2. Supporting the community; an example is training classes like cooking.
3. Adult formation classes are provided for those who are interested.
4. Replace the Tuesday lunch with something to benefit the community.
5. Better communication among all groups in the church and those outside of church; Including technology or reaching out to more people.
6. Self evaluation. Thinking about what we are doing and if it is still a benefit for the church and those involved. Maybe making a system to do these evaluations.
7. College ministry

The Vestry concluded business and adjourned at 8:27 p.m. with prayer led by Heather.

Next Vestry meeting is September 27, 2023. All reports are due September 22, 2023 to Edythe Peake "webeditor@stpaulschurchflint.com".

Submitted by
Tina Morrison
Clerk