

Vestry Meeting



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

12 March 2025 5:23 PM

ATTENDEES

TaMara Oertel, Zan Millner, Bob Cuthbertson, Karen Schaefer, Jan Bugbee, Becky Bennett, Tom Manney, Tim Grant, Rayna Hauter, Joel Arnold, Velecia Ford, Tom Shriver

Absent: Heather Gagnon, Zan Millner

AGENDA

- **Reflection**
 - Our parish gifts to celebrate and signs of our abundance.
- **Communities First - Joel Arnold**
 - Communities First is renovating the Masonic Temple with the goal of making it an event hall with a resident restaurant tenant.
 - Part of turning it into an event hall includes an application for a liquor license
 - Asking for a letter from Fr. Tom as part of their meeting with neighbors and the vestry not having any concerns.
 - Joel will provide draft language
- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - Respectfully submitted.
 - TaMara moved to approve, Jan seconded.
 - No dissent
- **Rayna's Discernment Presentation**
 - Letter from Rayna's discernment committee was distributed, alongside statement of relationship with each member and

Rayna's faith journey as submitted to her discernment committee.

- Vestry reviewed the process, journey, and letter.
 - Rayna was asked "Why do you want to be a priest?" and "What was your experience with the process?"
- Jan filled out the Nomination Form
 - Present members of the vestry signed.

- **Finance Update**

- Financial updates will be roughly a month behind due to new vestry meeting schedule.
- Family Promise is caught up on their rent
- There was a slight deficit
 - Extra pay period
 - Volatile market
- Bob moved to approve, TaMara seconded
 - No dissent

- **Unfinished Business**

- Trust Fund litigation
 - Paperwork was supposed to have been served the week prior
 - Uncertain whether this occurred or not.
- Campus Ministry
 - Rayna met with Province V Campus Ministry Development Director Eric Richey
 - Conference in St. Louis in June
 - Sydnie Ott has volunteered to help lead ministry.
- Courtesy Resolution meeting to be scheduled for Joan Reynolds Sacristy resolution.
- Capital Campaign is working on the Case for Giving

- **Rector's Report**

- Courtesy Resolutions Committee to meet to write letters to Jeledia during her recovery, as well as TaMara during hers.
- Tom will be absent in April, but will not miss a Sunday
 - Will also be absent May 18, but Becky will be preaching

- Retreat to St. Gregory's Abbey May 11-14 (Sunday - Wednesday)
- Altar Guild Mass on March 29
- Denise Diller from Crossover Outreach will be preaching on March 30
- SAFE Church training will be onsite on April 1, 1130-1500
- Vestry Retreat
 - Camp Copneconic on April 12, 9-1300ish
- **Senior Warden's Report**
 - Nothing to report
- **Junior Warden's Report**
 - Met with TaMara regarding role and responsibilities.
- **Ministry Highlights**
 - Ministry Fair on March 16 during coffee hour
- **Courtesy Resolutions**
 - Rayna's Discernment Committee
 - Move to acknowledge thanks for the Discernment Committee of Velesia Ford, Tim Grant, Tom Shriver, Fr. Jay Gantz, and Viridian Shrum for serving on the committee guiding Rayna Hauter's formation.
 - Dr. Thalia Pachiyannakis
 - Move to thank Dr. Thalia Pachiyannakis for driving from South Bend to Flint whilst 9 months pregnant to speak at our Peace Vigil on February 28.
 - Jelesia Ford-Geraghty
 - Move to hold Jelesia in continual prayer in recovery from surgery.
 - TaMara Oertel
 - Move to hold TaMara in continued prayer as she undergoes and recovers from surgery.
 - Tom moved to approve all resolutions, Jan seconded
 - No dissent
- **Choir**
 - Gospel Choir membership increase

- Gospel Choir song increase during services on 2nd/5th Sundays
- Ways to grow Chancel Choir
 - Inviting people in to sing without an expectation of conversion or membership to the parish.
- **Next Meeting:** April 2, 2025 at 1730
- **Adjournment 7:10PM**
 - Becky moved, Bob seconded.
 - No dissent.