

# Vestry Meeting

07 May 2025 5:30 PM



ST. PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## ATTENDEES

TaMara Oertel, Zan Millner, Bob Cuthbertson, Karen Schaefer, Jan Bugbee, Becky Bennett, Heather Gagnon, Tom Manney, Tim Grant, Rayna Hauter

## AGENDA

- **Pictures**
  - Pictures taken outside on steps by Karen
- **Reflection**
  - Began at 1800
  - Introduction to Bishops on the Border
  - How do we proclaim the Gospel? Do you see challenges for us in the statement of Jesus' mission from the passage in Luke?
- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - Correction of Becky Bennett's name
  - Correction of Zan being present twice
  - TaMara moved to approve with changes, Zan seconded
    - No dissent
- **Finance Update**
  - JP Morgan funds have been consolidated
    - Moved from a moderately conservative fund to a moderate fund.
  - Chase funds have not been adversely affected by market volatility.
  - Jan moved to approve, Heather seconded.
    - No dissent
- **Unfinished Business**
  - Trust Fund litigation
    - Hearing on May 20, 2025
    - Ed Henicke originally uncovered the initial discrepancy of the amount in trust and amount distributed to beneficiaries
  - College Ministry
    - Meeting with Province V Campus Ministry Developer Eric Richey on May 8, 2025 at 8:15PM
      - Heather expressed interest on behalf of her child.
  - Capital Campaign
    - Sacred Spaces Grant awards up to \$500,000
    - Also looking at a renewable energy grant from the State of Michigan
  - Parking lot signs
    - Would add a staff parking sign
    - Handicapped parking signs along Barth Hall wall
      - Discussion from Bob regarding enforcement
        - Father Tom says enforcement would not occur unless necessary.
    - Monument sign shields are opaque stickers
      - Working with company to update and correct
    - Make the Cross on the Episcopal Shield larger

- No, except potentially on new stuff going forward
  - Motion to approve Phase II
    - TaMara first, Heather seconded
      - No dissent
- **Rector's Report**
  - Joan Reynolds' special proclamation written and prepared for May 29, 2025.
  - Father Tom is gone May 18
  - Retreat is full, explore the idea of further retreats
  - Fred Miska's funeral May 10 at 11am
  - Graduation Sunday on June 1
    - Tina Morrison – passed national pharmaceutical testing
    - Sean DeGeorge – graduated high school
  - General Policies of 2022 review
    - Include a flag guideline
      - No flag outside January/February
      - Episcopal flag outside
    - Bob moves to accept changes, Jan seconded
      - No Dissent
- **Senior Warden's Report**
  - Crim Container
    - Slow and poor communication with Crim
      - Zan will follow up with hsi contacts
    - Front lawn for Art Walk
      - This month is fine, but no more until painted
  - Blue Christmas suggestion
- **Junior Warden's Report**
  - Vestry Retreat went well
- **Ministry Highlights**
  - Community Outreach Committee met with Tia Coles from the YWCA to discuss further ways of building a relationship
- **New Business**
  - Vestment Explanation and Display
    - Bob suggested doing a show and tell of our vestments
      - What do the vestments mean? Why do we use them?
      - Gives opportunity to show off some of the history of the church.
      - Educational for the congregation on the purposes behind the liturgy.
  - Meet up and Eat up
    - Family Promise and Rayna working on a Meet Up & Eat Up plan with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan
      - Application would have us host kids who receive free lunches from June to August
      - Rayna and Tiffani Wharry will continue to investigate and pursue the idea.
- **Courtesy Resolutions**
  - Terence Whitehead
    - The vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church offers their thanks to Terence Whitehead for going above and beyond in the performance of his duties.
- **Next Meeting:** June 4, 2025 at 1730
- **Adjournment 7:30PM**
  - TaMara moved, Zan seconded