

# Vestry Meeting

04 June 2025 5:32 PM



ST. PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## ATTENDEES

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

Absent: Heather Gagnon

## AGENDA

- **Reflection**
  - Began at 1732
  - Prayers for the ministries
  - Reflections on the introduction to Bishops on the Border
  - St. Paul's has a gift of understanding
    - Celebrate the congregation and their open hearts, their involvement.
    - Celebrate the abundance of lay people who ask "How can we be of service?"
- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - Bob moved to approve the minutes, Jan seconded.
    - No dissent
- **Finance Update**
  - Investments up 2% on the year
  - Year-to-date pledges trending below budget
  - Vestry meeting at the beginning of the month means some lack of info
  - Water bill update
    - Water found running upstairs bathroom
  - TaMara moved to accept minutes, Bob seconded.
    - No dissent
- **Unfinished Business**
  - Trust Fund litigation
    - Lawyer talking to Bank of America lawyers about settlement
      - When George returns, he will follow up.
  - College Ministry
    - Rayna will be going to a campus ministry conference 6/24-6/27
  - Capital Campaign
    - Case for Support presented to Vestry
    - Sacred Places Grant if awarded would be \$500,000
      - St. Paul's would have to match whatever is given from Sacred Places
        - Pledges collected before being awarded, do not go towards the match.
      - Sacred Places also provides support if we make it past the initial evaluation.
    - Vestry verbal pledge over 3 years
    - Michelle is working on other grants

- Parking lot signs
    - Reserved Senior to Handicapped
- **Rector's Report**
  - Add 2 Sundays a year to go to Grace Episcopal Fort Wayne
    - Bob moves to allow Father Tom to go to Grace Episcopal Fort Wayne up to two Sundays a year. Jan seconds.
      - Tim comments that this allows us to embrace the gifts of our laity more fully.
      - No dissent.
  - Meet Up and Eat Up
    - Summer program for kids to eat
    - Family Promise is running the program
    - Michigan Depart of Education program
    - Family Promise will be activating their network of volunteers to take the burden of volunteering off of St. Paul's.
    - Expecting 10-12 Family Promise kids a day.
  - Vending Machines
    - Fr. Tom wants vending machines in Barth Hall
      - Vestry tabled the issue
- **Senior Warden's Report**
  - Crim Storage container still looks tacky
  - Equipment in parking lot question
    - Who does it belong to?
    - Will reach out to Communities First
- **Junior Warden's Report**
  - Nothing at this time
- **Ministry Highlights**
  - Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social
    - July 13
    - Have members of the congregation contribute rather than the ministries
  - Lugnuts Game July 18
  - Pride July 19
- **New Business**
  - St. Gregory's Abbey was nice
    - Future retreats maybe at the retreat in Lansing
  - Camp Chickagami
    - Infrastructure needs due to winter storms
- **Courtesy Resolutions**
  - Mary Mitchell-Beren
    - Whereas Mary Mitchell-Beren has devoted countless hours to the care and upkeep of the cloister and the exterior grounds of St. Paul's, and whereas she has donated great personal effort and expense in so doing, then, be it resolved that the vestry of St. Paul's express their sincere gratitude to Mary Mitchell-Beren for her invaluable contributions to the beauty of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Flint, Michigan
    - Jan moves to accept as written. TaMara seconds.
      - No dissent
- **Next Meeting:** August 13, 2025 at 1730
  - Date changed due to TaMara's treatment.
- **Adjournment 7:36PM**
  - TaMara moved, Zan seconded