

Vestry Meeting

03 September 2025 5:32 PM



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ATTENDEES

Zan Millner, Bob Cuthbertson-Twine, Jan Bugbee, Becky Bennett, Fr. Tom Manney, Joel Arnold, Rayna Hauter

AGENDA

- **Reflection**
 - Began at 1732 Led by Joel Arnold
 - Challenges for a Bishop
 - Immigration
 - Courage
 - Immigration Enforcement
 - Gifts of the Parish
 - Support and Community
 - Abundance
 - Jelesia's funeral
 - The folks who very quickly rallied to support the funeral
- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - Bob moved to approve the minutes, Zan seconded.
 - No dissent
- **Finance Update**
 - Things are going normally.
 - Barth Fund
 - \$20,000 in pay outs for August
 - Increased by \$1,800
 - These funds are restricted use.
 - Diocesan Tithe is increasing due to new formulation
 - Goes into effect in December
 - Five scholarships were awarded by the Sue Kilmer Scholarship Fund
 - Bob moved to approve the minutes, Zan seconded
 - No dissent
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Trust Fund litigation
 - Firing of Sean O'Bryan
 - Fr. Tom sent an email saying it would be discussed at Vestry, Sean replied saying he agreed to step down.
 - Campus Ministry
 - Province V Young Adult and Campus Ministry educational/formational cohort begins September 11.
 - Rayna plans to make the ministry an ecumenical one.
 - Capital Campaign Pledge Forms
 - Vestry had not completely turned in or filled out.
 - Diocesan Technology Grant
 - \$1,000 awarded to St. Paul's

- Plan for new TV for movie night and other usage, stand for the TV, and a new lectern microphone.
 - Bell Situation
 - Church got a bill for \$38,000 instead of \$7,500.
 - This includes the work for the harness, which had not been approved by vestry.
 - Electric striker will be updated.
 - No date for finishing of the work, still hoping for October 18, 2025
 - Carpet Update
 - Skaff took measurements with Bekcy
 - \$14-17,000 estimate for cost
 - Congregation will vote at an upcoming Sunday
 - Will get another estimate from the Flint Carpet Company
 - Preaching Class Update
 - Bob got in.
- **Rector's Report**
 - Funeral
 - Good example of the work of the team
 - Mary and the Sprinklers
 - Sprinklers are now fixed
 - Mary would like to expand the sprinkler coverage to the side flowers along the side of Barth Hall
 - She will pay for the cost
 - Diocesan Convention in October
 - Elizabeth Jordan and Rayna Hauter are delegates
 - Joint Diocesan choir, including our chancel choir
 - Dalton-Johnson Organ Trust
 - Family sent a hold harmless letter to the church to break the trust
 - There is a connection to the Whiting family who we are asking for contributions to the Capital Campaign
 - Uncertainty surrounding what triggered this change from the family, will need to be investigated and understood
 - Stewardship Committee
 - Walt has agreed to chair the Stewardship Committee
- **Senior Warden's Report**
 - Report was given by Fr. Tom as TaMara was not present
 - Bishop Search Committee
 - Elizabeth Jordan is on the Bishop Search Committee
 - Bishop Transition Committee
 - Rebecca Bennett is on the Bishop Transition Committee
- **Junior Warden's Report**
 - Report was not given as Karen was not present.
- **Ministry Highlights**
 - Becoming beloved Community Grant
 - Grant was submitted to the Church
 - Crim
 - Over 500 people came for blessings or bathrooms
 - Back to the Bricks
 - Roughly \$400 in profits to be given to Family Promise once all expenses have been reconciled.
 - Yard Sale
 - At the end of September there will be a yard sale to raise funds for both Family Promise and the St. Paul's Assistance Fund.
 - After School At Risk Food Program

- Similar program to the summer Meet Up and Eat Up that was hosted by Family Promise in Barth Hall
 - Still sponsored by the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and the Michigan Department of Education
 - Snack at 3:30 when kids arrive
 - Dinner sometime between 4:30 and 5:30.
 - Hot meals warmed up in the kitchen
 - Meals arrive frozen
 - Tuesday and Thursday only.
- **New Business**
 - Tin Can Ministry
 - Pocket change at Sunday Services after the offertory
 - Proceeds to Carriage Town
 - Modeled after similar ministry at Trinity Episcopal in Columbus
 - Bob made a request that Vestry materials such as financial reports and minutes get sent out before the meeting
 - Fire and Safety Drill
 - Emergency Preparedness and Response Ministry in development.
 - Dishwasher issues may be resolved
 - Was vapor locked and needs to be primed frequently.
- **Courtesy Resolutions**
 - Carole Davis

Whereas Carole Davis responded with grace at the sudden request to organize the funeral luncheon for Jelesia Ford-Geraghty and,

Whereas she quickly assembled a team of volunteers, planned the menu, and carried out all necessary preparations then,

Be it resolved that the St. Paul's vestry bestows upon Carole Davis its deepest appreciation for her service to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

- **Next Meeting:** October 1, 2025 at 1730
- **Adjournment 6:45 PM**
 - Becky moved to adjourn, Zan seconded
 - No dissent