

# Vestry Meeting

01 April, 2026 1727



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## ATTENDEES

Tom Manney, TaMara Oertel, John Cherry, Karen Schaefer, Robert Cuthbertson-Twine, Shay Natchez, Becky Bennett, Jan Bugbee, Cindy Hall, Rayna Hauter, Max Karpov (observing)

## AGENDA

- **Reflection**
  - John Cherry opened in prayer at 1727
  - Bob spoke about his experience with St. Paul's mission statement:
    - Going church shopping after leaving the African Methodist Episcopal Church
    - Immediate welcome and involvement here at St. Paul's
    - Involvement in vestry, verger, and with diversity
  - How do we realize our collective talents within our individual talents
  - God wrote Himself into the play of the world.
  - Shay will do May's mission reflection
- **Minutes**
  - Under ministry highlights a request was made to update "Denise" to "Denise Diller, former executive director of CrossOver Outreach"
  - Bob moves to accept minutes, TaMara seconds
    - No dissent.
- **Finance Report**
  - Pledges are down slightly over projected
  - March expenses include quarterly disbursements
  - Energy costs have increased to an all time high
    - Usage has remain relatively the same
      - Rates have increased
    - Bob asks about Building and Grounds receiving utility bills to see cost and usage breakdowns
  - Had Morgan and Chase in to do a review of investments
    - Discussion around AI investment
      - Investing in AI was discussed around the potential bubble (similar to the Dotcom bubble in the late 90s)
      - Creation Care issues were also brought up.
  - Jan moved to accept, Shay seconded
    - No dissent
- **Unfinished Business**
  - Trust Fund Litigation
    - George Gibson was not encouraged in conversation with attorney
      - Fr. Tom will follow up after Holy Week
  - Vestry Retreat
    - May 2 from 9-1
      - Will cover Vestry Policies
      - Morning prayer

- John Cherry to preach
      - Will be held at Camp Copeneconic
  - Vestry photo will be taken at May 6 meeting
- **Rector Report**
  - Family Promise
    - Board Meeting held last month
      - Voted to remain open
      - Board will be shuffled around with new officers
        - Tiffani Wharry (executive director) and Anne (uncertain of last name, Board President) both potentially leaving at end of April
        - Board is expected to take over current programming and fundraising.
  - Door Badges
    - Karen and Cindy do not yet have badges to gain access when air lock is locked.
  - Capital Campaign Events
    - Birthday for Joy Fusi
      - Joy will be turning 100 years old
      - Birthday will be a fundraiser for the Capital Campaign
    - Goyette
      - \$25,000 gift and long standing commitment
      - Plaque to be installed in the Boiler Room
    - Bishop Family
      - Large gift
      - Head of family having health issues, has delayed planning of event.
  - Holy Week
    - Sixteen people attended Holy Wednesday service
    - Maundy Thursday and Easter Vigil both at 6:30PM
    - Good Friday at noon
    - Easter adding a 2PM service at Whaley House Museum
  - America 250
    - Venue opportunity location
      - Working with the Daughters of the American Revolution and Genesee County Historical Society
      - Will explore “How has Flint expanded the notion of ‘All men are created equal’”
        - Housing, sit down strikes, school integration
      - Differences between the Declaration of Independence and Constitution will be highlights
      - John Cherry, Dan Kildee, Paul Rosicki, Deb Cherry are on the committee
  - April 26 Fr. Tom will be in Fort Wayne
    - Fr. Don Davidson to celebrate Eucharist
  - Genesee County Historical Society
    - New tenant moving into former office for Gospel Choir director
  - Safe Church Training
    - Shay, Cindy, and Theresa Roach (nursery attendant) need training
    - April 11 at 10am
  - New table for Vestry
    - Offered a 21” by 15’ table
      - Vestry determined would not fit, Bob discussed potential to replace the Parlor table
        - Building and Grounds will speak with Barb Mannor

- **Senior Warden Report**
  - Nothing to Report
- **Junior Warden Report**
  - Kitchen Floor
    - Terrence (sexton) will strip and re wax the floor
  - Door in Kitchen
    - Installed with only cost for parts charged, company donated four hours of labor for installation
  - Dimmer switches in sanctuary need to be replaced
  - Barth Hall switch to motion detectors for lights
    - Fluorescents also need to be replaced with LED (all rooms eventually)
    - Motion detector also needed for Library
  - Quote returned on seal coating of parking lot
    - Much less than expected from AMI
      - If we get a second coat, will cost more, but will last twice as long
  - Bob will begin writing monthly articles for the Epistle from the Junior Warden
  - Communities First/Masonic Temple
    - Long meetings with planning commission
    - No data to show vacation of alleyway
    - Intention of reciprocal easement agreement
    - Should still eventually do survey
  - Rafeal staying at service
    - Gospel Choir director will remain through service on Sundays that the Gospel Choir sings
  - Parking permits for Parking Lot
    - Desire to bring back parking permits
    - Also need to redo/clarify signage on parking lot
  - Would vested folks occasionally meet in front of church to show welcoming and open nature of church
  - George, Bob, and Fr. Tom are redoing the building rental agreement
  - Carpet still being worked on
- **Ministry Highlights**
  - See ministry minutes included or Rayna's hanging folder from office door
  - Ministry Fair
    - May 24, Pentecost
- **New Business**
  - Moving Pride Flag to Narthex and out of sanctuary, to be in a better location for new people to see
  - Bob makes a motion that we name the Narthex after Clay and Joyce Leroue for their dedicated service.
    - Becky seconds
    - No dissent
    - Tentatively May 3 due to Clay's ongoing health issues
- **Courtesy Resolutions**
  - Clay and Joyce Leroue
    - No dissent
  - George Gibson
    - No dissent
  - Door company
    - No dissent
    - Bob and Becky to get names of the people who worked
  - Michelle Rosinsky
    - No dissent

- Michelle passed away unexpectedly, had previously written grants for the Capital Campaign
- **Closing Prayer**
  - Led by John
- **Adjournment and Next meeting**
  - TaMara moves to adjourn at 1933, Jan seconds
    - No dissent
  - Next meeting May 6 at 1730