

Minutes
St. Paul's Vestry
May 28, 2024

Vestry Members Present: Rev. Mary Friel, Kim Hazuda, Bob North, Peggy Andrews, Sherri Ward, Charlie Ackermann, Laura Bittinger, Diane Freestate, Bob Ozinga, Judy Webster, Wendy Emerson

Vestry Members Absent: Pat Jamison, Julia Eaton

Call to Order: Rev. Mary Friel

Opening Prayer: Peggy Andrews
Sherri Ward will do the opening prayer in June

Lectio Divina: Rev. Mary Mark 2: 23-3:6

Minutes of April 2024: Registrar Elsie Ozinga

A correction was made: Under New Business, "John Dragone will help with that, as well as, interviews." was deleted.

The Minutes of the April meeting were approved by consensus.

Report of Rector- Rev. Mary

Judy Webster to fill the open position on the Vestry left by the resignation of Dan McCleary.
Charlie Ackermann moved that Judy Webster be accepted as a Vestry member to complete Dan McCleary's term. Peggy Andrews seconded the motion and the Vestry approved.
Judy was then sworn in.

Approval by Vestry of Rev. Mary's resignation.

Bob North moved to accept Rev. Mary's resignation letter. Peggy Andrews seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Vestry. The letter has been signed and dated by the Wardens and Registrar and dated. The letter will be sent to the Diocese.

Pastoral Care Meeting update.

Crissy Aull attended the most recent meeting (chaired by Linda Carroll) and announced to the members that each person is required to take the Safe Church classes as mandated by the Diocese. For the members who are not computer literate, Crissy has volunteered to help them take the classes.

Rev Mary contacted Elizabeth Phillips, head of the Safe Church program at the Diocese, and inquired if there was a way to "grandfather" in long term members of the group. Elizabeth suggested that a policy be drawn up stating that it is highly recommended that

long term members take the Safe Church training, but it is not required. However, any new member to the Pastoral Care Group would be required to complete the training before being allowed to visit members of the congregation on behalf of the Pastoral Care Group. The policy would have to be included in the annual parochial report to the Diocese.

There was a general discussion by the Vestry that expressed concern for making sure that vulnerable members of the church community are protected and that volunteers are properly trained. Bob Ozinga suggested that Chrissy be asked to approach the Diocese to come up with a way for a person to certify a group of volunteers who cannot take the classes on a computer.

There was no action taken by the Vestry, leaving the subject open for more discussion at a future meeting.

Feedback on Vestry Retreat

Vestry felt the Retreat was good.

Suggested that a sound system be purchased.

Juneteenth at St. Pauls

On June 16th at Coffee Hour

Each table will have 2 Vestry members who will talk about their background relative to racism, then talk about the training taken and what can St Pauls do now.

Important Dates

June 16th: Juneteenth at Coffee Hour

June 30th: Chris Pupke, Bob Ozinga will do prayers and Deacon Peggy will offer communion.

Report of Senior Warden

Next Vestry meeting will be June 25th.

No Vestry meeting in July.

Vestry representative schedule reviewed.

Report of Junior Warden

A new sign for the front of St Pauls is in process.

The Property Committee, Jr. Warden to meet with Rev. Mary at the Rectory before she moves out.

Report of the Treasurer

Diane Freestate reported that the church is in good shape. She will begin looking into the financial needs for the Transition and Search Committee.

Old Business

Meaningful Moments Homeschool Community has requested the use of St Pauls facilities again this fall. There was a general discussion. Rev Mary asked that the Vestry vote to approve this request. Six members voted yes and four voted no. Rev Mary will notify the Home school that they will be allowed to use the church facilities this fall.

New Business:

Bob Ozinga, Chair of the Transition and Search Committee handed out (in Draft) the Proposed Structure of the Transition and Search Committee. There will be three teams: Transition Team with Tom Andrew as Co-Chair, Communication Team with Chris Pupke as Co-Chair, and Search Team with Mark Freestate as Co-Chair. The duties of each team were reviewed with the Vestry. The Initial Transition and Search Process document (in Draft) was handed out and reviewed with the Vestry. Rev. Mary asked when will the congregation start to get information about the process. Bob indicated it will start in the Phase 1 and gave some examples of the types of communication/participation that will be asked of the Vestry and congregation.

The Resolution Commissioning the Transition and Search Committee was presented to the Vestry. Bob North moved that the Vestry adopt the Resolution, Peggy Andrews seconded the motion and the Vestry adopted unanimously.

Next Vestry meeting: June 25,2024 at 5:30

Closing: Rev. Mary

Respectfully submitted:

Elsie Ozinga

Registrar