

Minutes of St Paul's Vestry Meeting  
Tuesday, May 24, 2022  
Donaldson Hall

In attendance: Reverend Mary Friel, Senior Warden Bob North, Junior Warden Charlie Ackermann, Registrar Carol Lorditch.

Vestry Members: Chrissy Aull, Laura Bittinger, Sharon Burak, Julia Eaton, Elsie Gerdom and Alan Griffith.

Absent: Diane and Mark Freestate, Catherine Kirchner.

1. Call to Order: Reverend Mary

2. Opening Prayer: Sharon Burak

3. Bible Study: John 17:1-26

Synopsis of reading: Prayer is a conversation; it is our way to connect with Jesus. The power of prayer works two ways; our prayers to Jesus and his prayers in return to us.

4. Minutes of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting:

Correct spelling for Pat Dorst Kuhns, and Paul Winters. Minutes accepted with corrections noted.

5. Report of Rector-Rev Mary Friel

Worship protocols

- Mary will be back in the pulpit on Sunday, 3/29/22; she is feeling well, continuing with Physical Therapy and will ease back into office duty in near future.
- The Bishop has suggested medium to high COVID risk that parishioners wear a mask.
  - Queen Anne County is currently at a low COVID risk status; county mask requirements have not changed.
  - Masks are available at both the front and the back door of the church.
  - Communion will stay as is; Rev Mary will hand out the wafer dipped in wine to recipients.

Use of building/background checks, insurance, etc.

Diocese Guidance

- Everyone please read through handout, "Safeguarding God's Children, The Episcopal Diocese of Easton" Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth from Abuse. This will be the definition for our parish going forward.
  - The intention is to prevent any situation that "could" happen.
  - No child will ever be alone with one person.

### St Paul's draft agreement

- We need to be good stewards of our building.
- After much discussion, Junior Warden Charlie Ackermann made a motion to accept the proposed draft for the use of St Paul's with modifications as needed.
  - This form is needed as it is the responsibility of St Paul's to protect any children that may use our facility.
  - It can help to identify any person that has a known problem.

### 6. Report of the Senior Warden- Bob North

#### Project Clean Stream update

- 4/30/23 Mill Stream Park, 10 church participants were on site for the project.
- The work included cleaning up the park and the pathway to Doc's.
- The park and area was left in very good condition.

#### Shore Rivers State of the Rivers

- 5/5/22 Senior Warden Bob North attended the State of the Chester River presentation, Washington College, Chestertown.
- The Chester River appears to be in better condition but not yet perfect.
- Maintaining the Mill Stream will help keep the Chester River improving.

### 7. Report of the Junior Warden-Charlie Ackermann

#### Recently completed projects:

- Parking lot asphalt job completed.

#### Projects in Progress:

- Gutter Repair at the Prayer Garden schedule with Monarch Roofing
- Interior painting in the Rectory is scheduled for July.
- Still pursuing bids for repairs to the Rectory basement.
- All other projects are being scheduled or waiting for bids.

### 8. Report of the Treasurer-Diane Freestate

In the absence of the Treasurer, Diane Freestate, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

### 9. Old Business

The Task Force to Sustain our Legacy are making plans to reintroduce the **Invite, Welcome, Connect** program discussed prior to COVID.

- Chrissy Aull is very interested in being involved in this group.

### 10. New Business

#### Juneteenth Celebration:

- Celebrating Freedom Day on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, St Paul's will honor and dedicate a plaque in memory of James Taylor. He was enslaved by a member of St. Paul's Church, was married in St. Paul's and then became the church Sexton for several decades.
- Michelle has designed and ordered the plaque which will be installed within St. Paul's as a reminder of his dedication to St. Paul's
- Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 3:30 pm the dedication ceremony and wreath placing, hopefully, weather permitting at the Centreville grave site.
- Members of the New Life Church, will be invited to attend the dedication and the reception following.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 28,2022 5 pm, Donaldson Hall.  
Opening Prayer for June: Elsie Gerdom

11. Closing Prayer- Rev Mary

12. Meeting Adjourned: 5:50 pm

Submitted by: Carol J Lorditch, Registrar