

Minutes  
St. Paul's Vestry  
February 27, 2024

Vestry Members Present: Rev. Mary Friel, Julia Eaton, Kim Hazuda, Dan McCreary, Bob North, Peggy Andrews, Sherri Ward, Charlie Ackermann, Pat Jamison. Wendy Emerson.

Vestry Members Absent: Laura Bittinger, Diane Freestate, Bob Ozinga

Call to Order: Rev. Mary Friel

Opening Prayer: Pat Jamison

Lectio Divina: Rev. Mary John 2:13-22

Minutes of January 31, 2024: Registrar Elsie Ozinga

Charlie Ackermann made 3 corrections to the January Minutes.

{ **Report of Junior Warden: Charlie Ackermann**

**Somerset** Well Co. is currently working on the **Geo** Thermal Heating pumps. }

The Minutes of the January 31st meeting was accepted by consensus.

Report of Rector- Rev. Mary

DOE Convention to be held March 7,8,9

March 7<sup>th</sup> will be a Zoom meeting

March 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a Eucharist Service and Reception at Emmanuel Episcopal Church located in Chestertown.

March 9<sup>th</sup> The Convention Delegates and Rectors will meet at Washington College to discuss and vote on Diocese issues. There also will be exhibits on display from several Parishes, including St Paul's. The Green Team will be displaying the environmental improvements made at St. Paul's.

Holy Week

Mary asked that the Vestry attend the Holy Week services. It is necessary to support the Choir and to remember the purpose of the week.

Lecture at the Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center.

The lecture by Chris Pupke was well attended and well received, as his previous Historic projects have been.

## Important Dates.

March 25<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday  
March 27<sup>th</sup> Holy Wednesday 11:00 am Stations of the Cross  
6:00 pm Tenebrae  
March 28<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist  
March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday 12:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy  
March 30<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday 12:00 pm Blessing of the Easter Baskets  
March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday 10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
April 7<sup>th</sup> First Sunday after Easter 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

The Vestry will be hosting Coffee Hour on Easter Sunday. A sign up sheet was passed around for each member to name what he/she will bring.

### Parking Lot issue with Wye River School

Wye River contracted with QA County Parks and Recreation for basketball to be played at their facility. The participants are using St. Paul's lot for parking. This was done without notifying St. Paul's. The school was contacted and has agreed to supply a list of dates for the games and to have a faculty member monitoring the parking lot.

The Vestry was asked to mark the dates (passed) which the member is not available to attend a Vestry Retreat.

The Vestry was reminded that the Diocese of Easton is requiring all Vestry members to take "Racial Training". There are a number of different lessons available on the Diocese website. There was a general discussion about the lessons. Mary plans to have the Vestry participate in communicating to the congregation what was learned, as soon as all Vestry members have completed the training.

### Report of Senior Warden: Bob North

Discussed the Vestry Schedule:

The members were reminded to get a replacement if he/she is unable to be at church on the scheduled date.

Bob complimented the Vestry stating that the list of items to do is being done well.

### Report of Junior Warden: Charlie Ackermann

The contract for the sidewalk repairs was signed with Brian Horney Masonry. They expect to start work in April.

The garbage disposal is installed and working.

Update of Geo Thermal pumps: There are 2 pumps. Pump 1 has a new motor and is running. Pump 2 is in the process of being repaired. Once the repairs are complete, Johnson Controls will be called in to reprogram the handling of the system.

Report of Treasurer: Diane Freestate

There was no report due to Diane absence. However, Financial Statements had been sent to the Vestry for their review. Mary offered to answer any questions. There were no questions.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Next Vestry meeting: March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM

Julia Eaton suggested that the church look into getting a sign for out front of the church stating that "All are welcome". Mary is going to look into it and report back to the Vestry.

Opening Prayer for the March meeting will be done by Julia Eaton.

Closing: Rev. Mary

Respectfully submitted:

Elsie Ozinga

Registrar