

Minutes of St. Paul's Vestry Meeting
Sunday, March 20, 2022
11:30 am, Harper Room

In Attendance: The Reverend Mary Friel, Senior Warden Bob North, Junior Warden Charlie Ackermann, Treasurer Diane Freestate, Registrar Carol Lorditch,
Vestry Members: Chrissy Aull, Laura Bittinger, Sharon Burak, Julia Eaton, Mark Freestate, Elsie Gerdom, Alan Griffith and Catherine Kirchner via phone.

Lunch: A delicious luncheon was provided by Reverend Mary. Thank You Rev. Mary for the special consideration.

1. Call to Order: Reverend Mary

Thank You to the Vestry for adjusting the meeting date.

2. Opening Prayer: Sharon Burak

3. Bible Study: Luke 13:1-21

Synopsis of the reading: "Show People Jesus", outreach to our congregation and our community. Our Legacy task force a prime example of what this verse is suggesting. Who and how are we doing as a church.

4. Minutes of February Meeting. The minutes for the February meeting were approved by consensus with one correction by Rev. Mary: Chris Pupke is not able to satisfy the request to write a monthly article in the St. Paul's Newsletter related to Black History awareness.

5. Report of Rector-Rev Mary Friel

- Worship and fellowship protocols
 - Protocol will remain, as is, regarding communion with a wafer and wine.
- Holy Week and Vestry Attendance
 - Vestry members are expected to attend Holy Week services.
 - Holy Wednesday, April 13th ; 11 am Stations of the Cross; 6 pm Tenebrae featuring William Myers
 - Maundy Thursday, April 14th; 7 pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar with St. Paul's Choir.
 - Good Friday, April 15th; 12 pm Good Friday Liturgy with hymns, 6 pm Good Friday Liturgy
 - Holy Saturday, April 16th, 12 pm Blessing of the Easter Baskets
 - Easter Sunday, April 17th, 6:30 am Sunrise Service at Millstream Park,

10 am Choral Holy Eucharist II, St. Paul's.

- Carillon Proposal
 - The current Carillon is showing signs of needing to be repaired.
 - Initial evaluation has indicated that the current Carillon can not be repaired. The Choir Master can be replaced for \$8500
 - OR we can buy a new Carillon for \$10,000
 - Vestry very interested in the pro-active thought regarding this prominent feature of St. Paul's. It needs further conversation and investigation.

Important Future Dates

- Monday, May 16th, 2022 Mary will have hip replacement surgery.
 - Short term disability with 14 days at 70% pay.
 - Rev Mary reaching out to local officiants available to cover her recovery time.
 - Rev Mary is hopeful that her recovery will be within the estimate 4-6 weeks.
- Honoring James Taylor we will have to change that date from Memorial Day. Consider an artistic plaque to remember all Black Soldiers that fought during various wars and perhaps make the presentation on Sunday, June 19th, designated Juneteeth.

6. Report of Senior Warden- Bob North

- Stewards or Streams is a partnership between Shore Rivers and Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake that connects faith and stewardship through a shared commitment to care for God's Creation.
 - We have signed a pledge with Shore Rivers and are actually the only local congregation committed to help clean the streams and rivers in our local area.
 - Stewards for Streams offers a variety of ways to be stewards of Creation.
 - We have already completed one of the projects recommended last year when we hosted a rain barrel workshop for our congregation.
 - We are considering a second project, this year, with the help of Micah Ministries which involves a spring clean up.
 - We plan to organize a litter pick up at Mill Stream Park with gloves and trash bags provided.
 - Considering inviting Wye River Upper School to assist.
 - Need to check with the town regarding this project.
 - April-May timeline, weather dependent

7. Junior Warden- Charlie Ackermann

- Kitchen Stove Update
 - It definitely is a project that is dragging feet.
 - Range and electrical companies have one job to finish, final hook-up.
 - Stove company will be back to do the final check list.
- Current and Planned Maintenance Projects, Church and Rectory.
 - Damaged foyer: repair and painting are finished.
 - Still some inside work to be done; estimate cost less than \$500.
 - Basement Wall
 - We have a new leak in the basement which we are currently requesting new bids to repair.
 - Suggesting a larger and new gutter, only around the prayer garden area, to divert the water causing the leak.
 - Fencing around the storm water pond.
 - Checking on cost to complete this project.
 - Spring clean up: Lester has been called for Spring Clean up and may be able to come by the end of this week (the end of March).
 - We may have to look at Lester's contract and amend the agreement based on:
 - Great deal of debris in and around the rain garden from surrounding trees.
 - We may need weed whacking if the new fence is installed around the storm water pond.
 - Snow removal,
 - Rectory considerations:
 - Develop a new punch list for the Rectory
 - Garden projects at the back of the Rectory
 - Cedar Shake Shingles have met their life expectancy. We need to look at the outside of the house, be pro-active and consider new siding.
 - Need to check if any historic regulations
 - Holly Hard Plank
 - Julie will check with the her office, Comptroller of MD, regarding any money that might be available for this project.

8. Report of the Treasurer-Dianne Freestate

- We are in good standing due to the incredible generosity of our parishioners.
- Our actual numbers regarding income and expenses going along well.
- At this time no concerns with the 2022 budget.

- Going forward we may need to look at the Building Fund designated for repairs and maintenance and see if we need additional funds; specifically related to Carrillon and Rectory repairs.

9. Old Business

- Crossroads, Rev Beers is willing to work with us as we develop programs moving forward.
 - Paul Fleetwood currently a parishioners from Crossroad community.
 - Considering a Church Dinner with Crossroads residents.
- Ukraine, donations continue to arrive to help with the humanitarian crisis happening in Ukraine.
 - Full disclosure to be given at a later date.
- Church Directory
 - We are still waiting!!

8. New Business

- Next Vestry Meeting, Tuesday, April 26th, 2022, 5 pm Donaldson Hall.
- Opening Prayer: Laura Bittinger

9. Closing – Reverend Mary

Adjournment: 12:40 pm

Submitted by: Carol J Lorditch, Registrar