

Minutes- Final

St. Paul's Vestry

Feb 25, 2025

Vestry Members Present: Bob Ozinga, Charlie Ackermann, Pat Jamison, Peggy Andrews, Judy Webster, Sherri Ward, David Larrabee, Diane Freestate, Debra Donnelly-Barton, Tad Stewart

Others present: Tom Andrews, Mark Freestate, Chris Pupke

Vestry Members Absent: Wendy Emerson

Call to Order: Bob Ozinga

- I. Opening Prayer: Bob Ozinga, read by all
- II. Election and Oath of Office:
 - a. Charlie Ackermann, junior warden. Pat Jamison nominates, Peggy Andrews, seconds. Elected. Took the oath.
 - b. Debra Donnelly-Barton – took the oath

III. Update from the Transition and Search Committee:

Chris Pupke—Communications team has been busy with parish profile. Awaiting final draft from graphic designer. Will be posted in appropriate settings. Working on reconfiguring church website. Transition prayer scheduled through Easter. Looking for other pray-ers.

Mark Freestate—Search team. Meeting led, by Tom Andrews, in Mark's absence. Need to look for an interim. Friday 2/28 a meeting will be held to discuss possibilities.

Questions: Diane Freestate- Does Diocese give approval for interim? Bob answers: yes.

Debra D-B—is the diocese supplying names for interims? Mark answers: there are few names. But remain positive about what we have now.

Tom Andrews – heard in the listening session that we need an interim to provide pastoral care.

Pat Jamison – is not the other purpose of the interim to work with issues that arise in the parish? Bob- yes, typically this is exactly what they can do.

Tom Andrews: Made the following recommendations about the Safe Church/Safe Community –

Recommendations:

1. Vestry adopt the policies.
2. Determine to whom policies should apply
3. Elsie Ozinga volunteered to do the clerical work necessary

Discussion about who enforces policies. Vestry determines; Senior warden communicates to individual.

Motion to adopt: Pat Jamison moved, Peggy Andrews, seconds. Passed.

Motion to adopt Elsie as clerical representative: Judy Webster moved, second Sherri Ward

IV. Minutes of January 26 Organizational Meeting: Registrar Elsie Ozinga

Motion to adopt minutes: Debra D-B moved, Judy Webster, second. Adopted

V. Report of Senior Warden

a. Dates and times of vestry meeting: Fourth Tuesday of Month, 5:30 March meeting is a problem. Changed to Thursday March 27th, 5:30

Question: Debra Donnelly-Barton—can attendance be via phone if need be? Yes.

b. Two electronic votes:

Stef concert: passed

Parochial report, Budgets: passed

c. Vestry rep schedule: if you can not make, switch with someone

d. Preparation for next meeting: read document *Types of Churches*. To discuss at next meeting.

e. Eucharistic Visitor. How to provide Eucharist to those who are isolated or home bound. Server needs to be licensed by the diocese. Debra D-B has been licensed in another diocese. Will see if this can be transferred.

VI. Report of Junior Warden

Wrapped up security, parking lot, buzz-in system. Michele is comfortable. New main water-line installed and connected to the rectory. Reaching out to various contractors for repairs and painting for the rectory. Will get this done in anticipation of a new rector. Debra D-B comment: appreciates the hospitality gesture of preparing the house ahead of time.

VII. Report of Treasurer

Have done well in first month. Many pre-paid pledges. A good sign of faith and confidence in the church. Everything is in line. Bonus to administrator and raise to Music director.

Questions:

Peggy: Money will change when we employ a priest, right? Yes, the diocese will supply a guideline. (Bob)
Budget will be revised. We will revise our spending. (Diane)

VIII. Old Business - none

IX. New Business

- a. Charlie Ackermann-mentioned issue with Liturgy changing according to the celebrant. Bob: we will seek to sort this out according to the wishes of the celebrant.
- b. Charlie Ackermann raised an issue about the politization of the pulpit. During a robust discussion, consensus was not attained. After which, it was agreed that we, as a vestry, will discuss this further.
- c. Bob Ozinga would like to hold a discussion with new vestry members and others, as desired, to discuss both structural, canonical and spiritual aspects of the vestry. Date TBD.
- d. Debra Donnely-Barton asked about sponsorship for the Queen Anne's Chorale; will discuss next session
- e.

Closing Prayer: Bob Ozinga

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Carney

Registrar