

Minutes
St. Paul's Vestry
December 20, 2022
5 pm.

Holiday Vestry Meeting at St. Paul's Rectory. Meeting and a potluck holiday offering following.

Vestry Members Present: Rev. Mary, Charlie Ackermann, Bob North, Sharon Burak, Kim Hazuda*, Diane Freestate, Mark Freestate, Elsie Gerdom, Carol Lorditch, Catherine Kirchner, Julia Eaton via phone.

* Kim Hazuda has been approved to fulfill Chrissy Aull's term.

Vestry Absent: Alan Griffith

Meeting called to order by Rev. Mary.

Opening Prayer: Diane Freestate

Lectio Divina: Rev Mary Luke 1:46-55

Word or phrase:

"From this day all generations will call me blessed"

"mercy on those who fear him"

"..filled the hungry with good things...rich he has sent away empty"

"...remembered his promise of mercy"

Thought or idea: pbeat, not just promises to all generations.

To What might God be calling me/us? It's a contract for all generations and we need to keep our part of the contract. Be joyful and rejoice each day.

Minutes: Minutes approved with exception of one correction: Date for the Annual Meeting will be January 29, 2023 instead of the date of January 22, 2023 as noted in minutes.

Report of the Rector:-Rev. Mary

- Christmas Pageant Update:
 - There will be a pageant at the 4 pm service, simplified version.
 - Need Vestry for help with the children.
- Help needed: Vestry representative for 4 pm and Christmas Eve services
- Important Dates: Annual Meeting, January 29, following 10 am service.
 - Convention: March 4, 2023
- End of Year Report:

- Very successful observation of Black History Month with Chris Pupke lecture at Kennard, sermon at St. Paul's and the Thomas Beard *Porgy and Bess* Concert.
- Welcomed Schism Ministry.
- Attendance at the 2022 General Convention good.
- Holy Communion at Queenstown Landing very positive
- Blessing of the Animals at St. Paul's good turnout and the Ecumenical service and blessing of animals were outside and visible to the community.
- Rain Barrel Workshop at the rectory and the church successful.
- *Juneteenth* Celebration with the James Taylor Plaque Dedication very successful. Great attendance from the community, and positive press in local papers. We want to continue this positive energy in the future.
- *MCFV Back to School and the Christmas Shopping* for needy families greatly appreciated. Very positive.
- *Haven Ministries* continues to be a positive and successful community project for St Paul's.
- *Safe Church/Safe Communities* Training: All Vestry and paid staff have completed the training. Elsie Gerdom has volunteered to chair the Safe Church/Safe Communities program due to resignation of Chrissy Aull.
- *Bible Study-Revelation*. Very positive response to the Wednesday program.
- *Jack Shaum Book Signing*. Attendance at the signing met expectations and generated a very positive article in the local paper. Positive community outreach event.
- *Invite, Welcome, Connect* Workshop in Oxford. Bob Ozinga and Kent Young attended the workshop in Oxford. The St. Paul's program is planning to reorganize and launch the program in 2023.
- *Faith and Blue Prayer Breakfast*. This project combines local churches and local law enforcement agencies working together within our community. St. Paul's had a great turnout at the first Prayer Breakfast.
- *Feed a Family Thanksgiving*. Always successful and appreciated.
- *Heck with the Malls*; we were the only food vendor at the Arts Council location. Chicken salad sales, both pints and sandwiches, generated a positive income for ECW. Final numbers TBD.
- Rev. Mary had a very successful and incredibly fast recovery from hip surgery. She missed only 2 Sunday services.
 - We would like to plan a Pancake Supper for upcoming Fat Tuesday 2023. We haven't done this event since COVID.
- All in all, St. Paul's had a very successful and interactive presence in our local community during 2022.

Report of the Senior Warden- Bob North

- Vestry Nominations:
 - The Vestry Nominating Committee including: Mark Freestate, Alan Griffith and Catherine Kirchner has recommended: Wendy Emerson, Dan McCreary and Bob Ozinga to fill the positions of the departing Vestry members.
 - Bob North made a motion to accept the roster of nominees for 2023 Vestry as presented. Second by Carol Lorditch. Approved.
 - Bob North made a motion to accept the nominations. Second by Catherine Kirchner. Approved unanimously.
 - We may want to consider adjusting meeting times to accommodate Vestry members that are working. TBD

Report of the Junior Warden-Charlie Ackermann

- Projects in progress: Church and Rectory
 - Davidson Hall/Church: Grease trap in the kitchen was inspected. Currently researching the best type of replacement trap for the sink.
 - Rectory: 90% of the repair projects have been completed. We are currently staying within the original estimated budgets.
- We will be looking at additional maintenance issues for the upcoming 2023 year.
 - Finance Committee is requesting numbers for Capital Expenses and/or Building Fund be submitted for year 2023. A list of projects, in order of urgency is requested along with the anticipated cost of the repair or replacement.

Report of the Treasurer: Diane Freestate

- Stewardship:
 - To date \$225,000 has been pledged by parishioners for 2023. Approximately 90% of the signed pledges have been returned.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Financially we are in good shape. Budget and expenses have stayed inline.
 - Capital Funds are falling a little short due to interest rates.
 - The Daniel and Suzanne Kirchner, Sr. fund, invested in the Easton Episcopal Funds is an unrestricted investment that may help offset this short fall.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Next Vestry Meeting: January 31, 2023
- Opening Prayer: Sharon Burack

Closing-Rev, Mary.

Respectfully submitted:
Carol J. Lorditch, Registrar