

**Minutes**  
**St. Paul's Vestry**  
**September 24, 2024**

**Vestry Members Present:** Bob North, Bob Ozinga, Judy Webster, Pat Jamison, Peggy Andrews, Wendy Emerson, Laura Brittinger, Sherri Ward, Diane Freestate, Charlie Ackermann, Julia Eaton

**Vestry Members Absent:** Kim Hazuda

**Quest:** Mark Freestate, Chris Pupke

**Call to Order:** Bob North.

**Opening Prayer:** Bob North

**Lectio Divina:** Matthew 4: 18-23

**Update & Briefing from Transition and Search Committee**

Bob Ozinga: Chair for Tom Andrews: Co-chair Transition Team

The Team has arranged for Rev Charlotte Myers to handle the emergency Pastoral Care until Rev. Mark Delcuze arrives in December.

The Team is taking the Safe Church/Safe Community process under study.

Chris Pupke: Co-chair, Communications Team

The Parish Survey created by "Holy Cow" was sent out to the Parish on September 5<sup>th</sup> with a closing date of September 30<sup>th</sup>. There have been 78 received so far, which is a good response.

October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-9pm there will be a Zoom meeting with Holy Cow to review their findings.

The Church Profile is in process. The final layout will need to be done by a professional. Joanne Shipley is the preferred individual at a cost of \$2400 for approx. 24 pages.

Individuals for the Transition Prayer are needed; Sherri Ward will do Oct.13<sup>th</sup>, Peggy Andrews- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> and Julia Eaton -Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. Future open dates will be sent out, giving the Vestry an opportunity to volunteer.

Mark Freestate: Co-chair, Search Team

The Team is currently working on getting Supply Priest. Rev Alan Spicer has agreed to Wednesdays, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, and Nov 20<sup>th</sup> .

The Team will be meeting September 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss exactly how the application process will work.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the August 2024 meeting were approved as presented.

**Report of Senior Warden-Bob North**

- Vestry representative schedule was reviewed.
- Dates for the last 3 vestry meeting of 2024:
  - October 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - November 26<sup>th</sup>)
  - December 17<sup>th</sup>
- Important Dates:
  - October 6<sup>th</sup>: The blessing of the animals and “Rocking the Porch” (an outdoor concert) from 2pm-6pm.
  - October 20<sup>th</sup>: Rev Mary’s last day. There will be a reception for her after the church service.

**Report of Junior Warden- Charlie Ackermann**

- Bids from contractors have been received for making repairs that will stop the rain leaks in the church basement hallway.
- After reviewing the quotes, the Stabil Solution company was recommended. Pat Jamison moved that the church accept the Stabil quote, Bob Ozinga seconded, and the Vestry approved.

**Report of the Treasurer-Diane Freestate**

- A packet of financial information was provided for the vestry to review.
- Diane submitted the 2025 Apportionment to the Diocese of Easton for review. She explained how the amount is calculated and asked the Vestry to approve the requested amount. Bob Ozinga moved to approve the 2025 Apportionment, Charlie Ackermann seconded, the Vestry approved.
- The Vestry was notified that Mary’s name has been removed from all investment accounts. Diane is in the process of having Mary’s credit card canceled and her name removed from all other cash accounts.
- In place of Mary having a credit card, Diane Freestate and Michele Miller will be on the credit card account. In order to move forward with this change a letter must be sent to TCM Bank asking for Mary’s to be removed and Diane and Miichele to be added signed by the Registrar, Elsie Ozinga, along with a copy of the Vestry meeting minutes approving the change. Laura Brittinger moved to have Rev. Mary Friel’s name removed from the credit card account and Diane Freestate and Michele Miller be added to the credit card account. Bob North seconded the motion. The Vestry approved.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

-The Discretionary Fund was discussed again (see August minutes). It was explained that the Discretionary Fund will be put on hold until the New Priest arrives. \*Note\* A member of the Parish will be able to be eligible for financial help with the approval of the Senior Warden.

-How will the 2025 Budget handle the Search expenses? Diane explained that the Search Expense lines have already been added to the 2024 Budget and expenses are currently be tracked. The Finance committee will review the projected search expenses as part of the preparation of the 2025 Budget. Adjustments to other accounts will be made as needed as part of this process as well. The Vestry will be asked to review and approve the 2025 Budget when it is ready.

-What position will Deacon Peggy Samuels have once Rev. Mary leaves? Bob North will speak with Rev. Mary and let the Vestry know.

-The Vestry has received a letter from Carolyn Carney requesting St. Paul's donate \$5-7000 to InterVarsity in support of their mission. The Vestry asked Diane Freestate to respond stating that St. Paul's has it's own missions which are supported by contributions and that St Paul's cannot ethically give those contributions to another entity.

**Next Vestry meeting:** October 22, 2024 at 5:30

**Closing:** Bob North

Respectfully submitted:  
Elsie Ozinga  
Registrar