

Minutes of St Paul's Vestry Meeting  
Tuesday, April 26, 2022  
Donaldson Hall

In Attendance: Reverend Mary Friel, Senior Warden Bob North, Junior Warden Charlie Ackermann, Registrar Carol Lorditch.

Vestry Members: Laura Bittinger, Sharon Burak, Alan Griffith and Catherine Kirchner via phone.

Absent: Chrissy Aull, Julia Eaton, Diane and Mark Freestate, and Elsie Gerdom.

1. Call to Order: Reverend Mary

2. Opening Prayer: Laura Bittinger

3. Bible Study: John 21:15-25

Synopsis of the reading: Second chances given; "there is judgment, confession and forgiveness and the offer of grace extended like a hand to a man who has fallen into a pit." In addition, the common theme of Jesus saying "Come follow me", always gathering his sheep and encouraging them after they have fallen is stated throughout passage.

4. Minutes of March 26, 2022 Meeting. The minutes were approved by consensus as written.

5. Report of the Rector-Rev Mary Friel

- Worship protocols.
  - The Bishop has resumed the common cup for communion.
  - St. Paul's will continue our relaxed COVID policy: Mary will dip the communion wafer in the wine and give to parishioner.
- Mary will be having hip replacement surgery on Monday, May 9, 2022.
  - Mary's last Sunday service will be Sunday, May 8, 2022
  - 5/15 Paul Winters
  - 5/22 Pat Dorst Kuhns
  - 5/29 Paul Wintters
  - Wednesday Services: 5/11, 5/18, 5/27 Paul Wintters and Bud Shand
- Update on Crossroads Ministry
  - Pastor Beers will no longer be associated with Crossroads Ministry.
  - The Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Church Dinner at 5 pm went very well for the first such gathering.

- The theme for the Crossroads event was to **provide a safe place healing** while making them feel Welcome.
  - Three (3) people from Crossroads attended this first dinner.
  - Bible study was appreciated
  - Sally and Dave Cooper made an Easter basket for them including a plant, seeds and one piece of chocolate. They loved it.
- Use of building/background checks, insurance, etc.
  - Chrissy Aull has suggested we may want to consider to develop a definite legal approach for the use of our Church building. We may want to create a “Hold Harmless” document along with asking for proof of insurance. We currently do background checks .
    - Conversation suggested this Hold Harmless document appears to alienate people and groups to use our facility.
    - Mary suggested that she will check with our Diocese as to what they suggest as an appropriate procedure for rental.
    - Junior Warden Charlie Ackermann suggested we need proof of insurance coverage along with a background check as a minimum procedure.
    - We are not a BUSINESS but rather a Church.
    - We will table any further discussion until we have all Vestry Members present.
- Holy Week and Easter Report
  - Holy Week and Easter services went extremely well.
    - Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday were incredible; we had a full house including many young families with children in attendance.
- Report on Children’s Ministry Meeting
  - Safe Guarding Gold’s Children is an important ministry that we continue to struggle with.
    - Further conversation as to how to bring in young families and children into our parish.
    - Much thinking, planning and training needs to go into any Nursery Care program that we many want to initiate.
- Acolytes
  - We currently have a few more candidates.
  - Laura Kaufmann will Chair a Family Night program
  - Consider providing Children’s Sermons.

## 6. Report of Senior Warden

- Project Clean Stream Update
  - Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Clean Up at Millstream Park, 10 am – Noon.
    - Meet at St. Paul’s by 10,

- All filled trash bags will be returned to St Paul's for removal.
- Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 630 pm Join the Free Zoom meeting with the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake's-One Water Partnership and the panel of clean water experts for a Clean Water Celebration.
  - Information will include discuss the "state-of-the-bay", the 50-year legacy of the Clean Water Act and how our fight for clean water will evolve and change in the coming years.
- Shore Rivers State of The Rivers.
  - This year's State of the Rivers presentations will be help in person across ALL of the Shore Rivers watersheds.
    - Wed, April 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30- 7 pm State of the Miles, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum St. Michaels.
    - Wed, April 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30- 7 pm. State of the Choptank River, Packing House Atrium, Cambridge
    - Thurs May 5 5:30-- 7 pm. State of the Chester River, Washington College Hynson Lounge, Chestertown.
    - Friday, May 13 5:30- 7pm State of the Sassafras River, Volunteer Fire Hall, Betterton.
    - Thurs, May 19 5:30-7 pm State of the Miles, Wye and Chester Rivers, Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center, Grasonville.

## 7. Report of the Junior Warden-Charlie Ackermann

### Recently completed projects.

- Stove:
  - Finally the check list for the new stove is COMPLETED.
  - Please let Michele know if you need to use the new stove. Instructions are printed in the kitchen area
- Foyer:
  - Repairs completed

### Projects in progress.

- Priorities for maintenance projects:
  - Top priority always water leaks wherever they occur.
  - Fix water leak at St. Paul's
  - Fix Rectory basement
  - Price for new roof
  - Thoughts for siding for rectory.
- Wet Basement
  - Junior Warden has contacted two (2) contractors for the necessary gutters in the Prayer Garden area.
  - Estimates \$1600 and \$2400; meeting with contractors to understand the difference in cost.

- Parking Lot Fencing
  - Junior Warden suggests that with Upper Wye School closing for the summer in the near future this is not a high priority project.
    - Estimates at \$7000-\$9000
    - The 4 foot fencing is for the storm water ponds in the middle of the parking lot.
    - Considering a chain-link fence black vinyl. It could be \$1500 less if we go with a galvanized look.
- Sediment Control
  - Junior Warden did a walk through and noted perforated drainage on the sidewalk on Commerce Street. Since our drainage pipes run to Commerce St. we are responsible for correcting the problem. Parking lot is 10 years old
- Landscape Maintenance
  - Very satisfied with spring cleanup.
- Rectory
  - Price estimate to repair foundation: \$3700
  - Price estimate to paint inside rectory: \$2400
  - Siding, Cedar Shake shingles nice product and they are readily available for Rectory siding. Price tbd.
  - New Roof for the Rectory Garage:\$3500-\$3900.
    - If Need new roof needs to replace plywood beneath shingle may increase estimate to \$6000.
- Going forward it appears total budget for **all** repair work estimated \$21,000.

## 8. Treasurer's Report

- Unanimously approved to accept report as submitted.

## 9. Old Business

- Carillon
  - Discussion to be tabled until a later meeting.

## 10 New Business

- Computers
  - New computers for both Mary and Michelle.
  - Island Computer submitted proposal.
    - Allen Griffith made a motion to accept with a second from Sharon Burak.
    - Michelle will be given the old computer for her personal use. Given in appreciation for all that she does for us.
- Next Vestry Meeting
  - Tuesday, May 24 2022, Donaldson Hall 5 pm.
- Opening Prayer May Meeting: Sharon Burak

Adjournment: 6:10 pm

Submitted by: Carol J Lorditch, Registrar