

Minutes
St. Paul's Vestry
June 27, 2023
Donaldson Hall, 5:30 pm

Vestry Members Present: Rev. Mary, Laura Bittinger Sharon Burak, Julia Eaton, Diane Freestate, Kim Hazuda, Carol Lorditch, Dan McCreary, Bob North, Elsie Ozinga, and Bob Ozinga.

Vestry Members Absent: Charlie Ackermann, Wendy Emerson

Opening Prayer: Rev. Mary

Lectio Divina: Rev Mary, Matthew 10:40-42

Word or Phrase? Welcome

Whoever, Welcome

Prophets rewards

Thought or idea? We need to be welcoming in all situations

What might God be calling me to do?

Be present and aware to welcome and help

Help whomever might be in need

Welcoming with a good heart

Good Samaritan

Minutes of May 20, 2023: Carol Lorditch, Registrar
Minutes accepted by consensus.

Report of the Rector-Rev. Mary:

- Update on Bring a Friend to Church Day:
 - June 11, 79 in attendance; June 18, 104 in attendance
 - A few cards of inquiry were submitted.
 - It was very worthwhile doing.
 - Personal invitation seemed to be the most powerful and successful.
 - Music seems to be a consistent incentive for improved attendance new and old.
- Search for Music Director:
 - August 27th will be Julia Morris-Myers's last church service. She will be retiring and returning to Maine with her husband, Bill.
 - The committee selected to search for a new Music Director includes Paul Winters, Caroline Hazuda and Peggy Andrews.

- Stef Scaggiari, a Centreville resident and recognized musician with numerous recordings is considering the position.
- Wendy Emerson will organize a special coffee hour in appreciation for Julia's contribution to the Music Program at St. Paul's.
- Sabbatical
 - In lieu of John Friel's recent health situation, the Sabbatical to Spain has been canceled.
 - Rev. Mary and John are planning to be away for two (2) weeks in October. Bud Shandt will be available to do Sunday services during her absence.
 - Rev. Mary is also hoping to have help with Pastoral Care visits and would appreciate having someone volunteer to take over the monitoring and care of the altar candles.
- Crossroads Cook Out:
 - The upcoming Crossroads gathering will be July 16th.
 - It will be a cookout on the church grounds; anyone interested in grilling and/or help with this outreach program would be greatly appreciated.
- Parish Picnic:
 - The Parish Picnic is tentatively set for Wednesday, September 13th, 2023 on the church grounds.
 - Kim Hazuda will be the chair for this annual event.
 - To Alan and Penny Griffith we extend a very grateful Thank You for the years of your generous hospitality. You hosted many memorable picnics in past years.

Report of the Senior Warden-Bob North

- Vestry Representative Information
 - Everything is working well with the Vestry Rep program for Sunday services.
 - The Vestry Representative two month schedules will be sent out in advance.
 - No July Meeting, next meeting will be in August.
 - Bob Ozinga volunteered for Sunday, July 30th service.

Report of the Junior Warden-Charlie Ackermann

- Since Charlie Ackermann was not able to attend this meeting he submitted a written update on projects.
 - HVAC summer maintenance inspection has been scheduled.
 - Delaware Elevator Co. completed its annual maintenance inspection and found a problem with the emergency lighting board. We will

receive a quote to repair. Once quote is approved, scheduling for the repair will be done.

- We are in the process of defining the scope of work and the pricing for the repairs to the exterior brick walkways and front entry to the St. Paul's.
- Gary Smith Builders has been solicited to join the bidding process for repairs to the exterior of the Rectory and the Rectory Garage.
- Gary Smith recently walked the property and is interested in the project.
- The project will include: new roofing, siding, wood trim/repair and paint, and larger gutters. Three (3) different sidings have been selected for the bidding process.
- Economy Tree Co has removed the damaged Maple tree at the parking lot. They will also remove deadwood from the larger tree along Commerce Street.

Report of the Treasurer-Diane Freestate:

- We are currently working with a deficit budget which continues to be on target.
- Depending on the unknown expense for the elevator repair, nothing alarming at this time.
- A July 2nd meeting is schedule to discuss the proposed Capital Campaign.
- September 1, 2023, a new audit is required by the head of the Dioceses. We do not expect any issues as we had a successful audit last year.
- Policy Review Committee consisting of Sharon North, Diane Freestae, Laura Bittinger and Bob Ozinga are currently reviewing all of the St. Paul's policies and procedures except for the Endowment and the Investment Policies. The Finance Committee will be reviewing the Endowment and Investment policies.
 - They will be able to give a report at the next Vestry meeting in August.

Old Business:

- We are thoroughly compliant for all copyrights relative to the music, songs and images that we use in any of our media presentations.
 - Musicians, artists and artistic copyrights
 - \$500 cost of the one license to cover copyrights.
- Regarding the on-going situation with the Bishop, Mary will personally reach out to him to try to work out an amicable arrangement without going to court.
- Dan McCreary has not received the email with the link to do his online training.

New Business:

- Next Vestry meeting will be Tuesday, August 28, 2023, 5:30 pm
- Wendy Emerson will say the opening prayer.
- Elsie and Bob Ozinga along with Diane Freestate will not be able to attend the August meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol J Lorditch Registrar