

Minutes of St. Paul's Vestry Meeting

December 21, 2021

Rectory

In Attendance: The Reverend Mary Garner, Senior Warden Mike Olson, Junior Warden Bob North, Treasurer Diane Freestate, Vestry Members: Peggy Andrews, Sharon Burak, Mark Freestate, Elsie Gerdom, Alan Griffith, Catherine Kirchner, Carol Lorditch, Dan Macari, Matt Ward

1. Call to order: Rev. Mary called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer: Offered by Sharon Burak.

3. Minutes of November Meeting: The minutes were corrected and approved by consensus.

4. Bible Study: Luke: 1:26-56

5. Report of the Rector – Rev. Mary

- Mask wearing will once again be a requirement for our Christmas services due to the expected number of guests and the recent outbreaks of the Omicron virus.

6. Report of Senior Warden – Mike Olson

- Matt Ward has accepted the position of Technical Coordinator, with a salaried 5–6 hours per week commitment.
- Mike reported that this is his last Vestry Meeting as Senior Warden. He praised the positive working relationship he has had with Rev. Mary and the cohesiveness, dedication, and faith of this current Vestry. In turn, Mike's impressive work as Senior Warden was noted by everyone present.

7. Report of Junior Warden – Bob North

- The leaves have been raked and added to the rain garden for composting purposes.
- The vines behind the rain garden have been removed.
- We are still waiting for the bill for the installation of three thermostats for the heaters upstairs. We were given an estimate of an additional \$900.00 per year to our current inspection contract. This is for coverage of the seventeen new heaters.
- The old stove was not removed as planned for 12/21/2021. We will follow up to set up another date.
- This also is Bob's last Vestry Meeting as Junior Warden. He was thanked for his steady and productive dedication to St. Paul's.

8. Report of Treasurer – Diane Freestate

- The November financials were reviewed. We are \$7000.00 dollars short of what is expected. However, with the end of the year approaching, Diane is not worried about reaching our financial goals.
- The operating fund pledges for 2022 of \$260,000 have been coming in steadily. The building fund is strong and will be carried over to next year.

9. Old Business

- Matt Ward reported that everyone has received the photos they ordered. A delay in receiving the actual directory has been due to Covid concerns with the company Universal. We will be asked to proofread the directory before it is expected to be printed, hopefully in the early part of 2022. Peggy Andrews commented that due to the availability of a phone app., as well as expense issues, this directory will not contain the extra church pictures that the previous one had. Mike reminded us that we currently have access to our current directory through a phone app. When Universal gives St. Paul's the app connected with the new directory, Matt has promised to be available at Coffee Hour to teach everyone how to use it.
- Materials updating The Boy Scouts of America Bankruptcy Litigation were discussed at length. Consensus was reached for St. Paul's to vote NO on

Plan 2. The Vestry does not feel that The Boy Scouts of America's Bankruptcy settlement adequately faces this situation from a justice perspective. We do not have enough information to determine how it affects any future liability for our church or our Diocese. We are also opposed to the BSA plan of restructuring and the fact that they refuse to reveal the names of the abusers. We wholeheartedly support reconciliation and other efforts for those harmed by the actions of the BSA.

10. New Business

- Mike reviewed the proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting which will be held in the sanctuary at 11:15 after the service on January 16, 2022. A quorum of 35 will be needed. The new Vestry will meet briefly afterward for the election of a new Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Registrar.
- January 25, 2022 is the date for the regular Vestry Meeting.

Closing Prayer for Advent

Adjournment – 7:10 pm