

Minutes
St Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting
5/22/23

Attending: Dave, Bill, Lisa, Dana, Tracie, Susan and Bruce (via zoom), and June O'Neill taking notes.

Absent: Catie, Duane, Leonard

Opening prayer: Dave provided opening prayer

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes: Meeting was called to order by Dave Kinnear.

Minutes -Bruce moved to approve minutes, Bill seconded, all in favor of approving minutes as written.

Rector's Report: no rector's report

Leadership: With regard to Safe Church curriculum, let Leadership Team know if there are any suggestions, changes. We need an official Clerk for the Vestry – if anyone has any ideas for a person who can serve as clerk – must be a communicant in good standing at St. Paul's. Please put something in the E-news and the bulletin. Tracie will write up the notice.

Building and Grounds: Nothing to report. On first Friday of the month, a member of the team will do the walk through with Brian. OSC lock is finally fixed. API invoice has arrived, the system is complete. We are waiting for the list of equipment from API. Building Codes – updating codes will require people who have codes to complete Safe Church. Boys & Girls Club will be using St. Paul's as an Emergency location. Rectory – there is a punch list that needs to be worked through; that will begin soon. Property Liability coverage is being reviewed with SMS, especially blanket limits – starting the process for the August 1 renewal.

(ask Diocese if B&G club needs to go through Safe Church training in order to have a code, find out what training they do have before calling the Diocese)

Finance/Budget: We are not reviewing the audit tonight, because we have not had the close out phone call with the auditor.

April Financials – as of May 19 cash is 166K in restricted; 28,563 in operating – we are ahead on cash. Building Fund is at 15K, with a little over 4K going out shortly for API. On page 9 of the report, you can see the activity in all of the restricted/designated funds.

Investment committee – has executed the motion requested at the retreat. 30K has been moved out of investment and is liquid.

Vestry Retreat:

Vestry Goals – it was felt that not enough time was spent on this at the retreat. Vestry members brainstormed the following topics:

Study of St. Paul: Hybrid – part in-person, part at-home; independent reading; selection of materials to read; Congregational book study; Recruit vestry members as leaders; groups may read different books then report back to each other; planning and organization of the pilgrimage in 2024; Have part of it geared toward the Children’s Church; challenge the congregation to read all Paul’s epistles in the order written (not the order presented in the bible).

Continue to Establish Safe Church: Identify all who need to take Safe Church (vestry, staff, volunteers who work with children and vulnerable persons, anyone who has access to the facility, DOK who receives prayer requests). Buildings & Grounds – what do we need to make the downstairs (Atrium) Safe Church compliant.

Prioritize and Expand children, family, and youth programs: Get more volunteers; marketing and publicizing under Happenings in the Steamboat Pilot; use Scouts who need community service as volunteers; More parent’s night out (partner it with Art Walk); joint youth choir with the Methodist church; joint VBS with Methodist church; joint youth group with the Methodist church.

Explore, Identify and Provide opportunity for Christian Formation: Topic of the month (stand alone); survey the congregation about possible topics and frequency of these “classes:” Confirmation class. Small group ministries/Bible studies. (Parishioner has volunteered to prepare a survey). Example from a previous congregation: Faith at work – last Friday of the month, business people gather to discuss how faith worked in their business careers.

Expanded Revenues: Second Ask. Anglican Attic or Purse swap. Fund Raisers. Donation jar for the Hot Dogs. Extra pledge for specific activity. Raffle (need raffle license). Silent auction. Gala. OSC Christmas Ornament sale to finish the interior. Selling prints of OSC. Christmas Market.

Find more community events in which St. Paul can participate: Navigator Awards (get a table); Hazy Awards; Evensong during First Friday Artwalk; Hot Dog giveaway. United Way Day of Caring. Sunday service at the top of the mountain. Dancing with the stars. Take Cookies to those who work on Christmas Day (first responders, etc). Decorate one of the trees at Pioneers contest. Adult choir going to Casey’s Pond.

More community use of OSC/More community events AT ST PAUL’S: Yoga class in the evening; Private music teachers re: student recitals; Plays; Meetings for business, non-profit, clubs.

Vestry Name Tags

Closing Prayer:

Closing prayer was given by Susan

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