

# St Paul's Episcopal Church

## Vestry Minutes (Zoom)

June 10, 2020

7:05 p.m.

**Present:** Father Patrick Funston, Deb Lamb (senior warden), Tom Snyder (junior warden), Joe Barbercheck (treasurer), Betsy Barrett, Sarah Schneider, Ann Pearce, Justin Williams, David Littrell

**Absent:** Phil Ryan, Marian Fuller, Katie Dempsey, Rebecca Burton

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of St. Barnabas. Barnabas knows and supports Paul. He has a role in Paul's mission. Father Patrick opened the meeting with a reading from Isaiah 42:5-12. What is God calling us to do and how do we sing to the Lord?

### Reports:

Father Patrick extended an invitation for others to volunteer to mow the church lawn. At this time, David Littrell and Tom Snyder are the only people mowing and Tom might be incapable of mowing as much soon. Discussion centered on continuing to ask for volunteers or hire a service. Tom received a quote of \$65.00 per week from Prairiestone. After much discussion, Justin volunteered to help with mowing and David will call others to see if enough volunteers can be found.

### Building Report:

Tom reported that the new sprinkler heads for the basement have been replaced. Also, CBS Security is working on a replacement for one of the security cameras that failed.

### Finances:

Joe reported that nothing notable emerged in June. Our income has rebounded a bit and that is a positive development. Both pledge and non-pledge revenue are up and expenses are stable. It appears that the weekly reminders are making an impact. There was discussion as to when and whether to draw the \$17,500 (PK fund) for 2020. We will know more after the July meeting with the Trust Company.

### Rector's Report:

There was some discussion concerning the vestry and the search committee. The search committee reports to the vestry. At this point in the process, we want everyone talking to potential candidates. Once an individual applies, the search committee has a duty to protect candidates' privacy. David sent out an email to update the parish on the progress of the search committee and invite parish members to contact a member of the committee with ideas or concerns. There are two parish profiles. There is the long parish profile with images that describes the parish and the Manhattan community. The other profile is called the Office of

Transitional Ministry, which outlines the nuts and bolts of our ministry. The committee met on May 21 at Stone House at Prairiewood. Work is being conducted on the interview questions. The hope is that we will not need an interim.

Yvonne Boadu's ordination is scheduled for Sunday, June 14 at 1:30 at St. Paul's. The event will be live-streamed on Facebook.

Deacon Charles Pearce had a conversation with the Bishop and has handed in his resignation. Father Patrick will send out an email informing the parish tomorrow.

There is a growing interest in outside groups to start utilizing the building again. The consensus is for small groups to use the facilities that agree to clean before and after their meetings.

The attendance at Children's Chapel on Zoom at 10:00 has degraded over time. Is this ministry worth continuing? If so, what are we going to do for leadership? Sarah volunteered to be a leader and the idea is to have a different leader each week. Betsy will continue hosting coffee hour on Sundays at 12:00.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2020.

Father Patrick ended the meeting with Compline at 8:56 p.m.

Submitted by:

Ann Pearce

Clerk of the Vestry

*FOLLOWING THE MEETING:*

On June 15th, 2020, Fr. Patrick realized that he had neglected to have the vestry affirm the May 2020 vestry minutes. He forwarded those minutes to the vestry and asked for adjustments and a vote-by-email. After a few minor adjustments were made, Fr. Patrick closed the voting and finalized the May meeting minutes (with a 7 Yays and 4 Abstentions) on Friday, June 19, 2020.