

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
May 13, 2020
7:02 p.m.

Present: Deb Lamb (senior warden), Tom Snyder (junior warden), Joe Barbercheck (treasurer), David Littrell, Justin Williams, Betsy Barrett, Ann Pearce, Sarah Schneider, Katie Dempsey, Marian Fuller and Rebecca Burton (secretary)

Absent: Phil Ryan

Deb began the meeting inviting everyone to share their joys with the vestry. She then proceeded with requests for prayers. Prayers were offered for:

- Dillon Green who was tested positive for the Covid-19
- Father Patrick as he finishes the last few weeks of his Sabbatical.
- David Littrell and the Search Committee.
- Justin Williams as he will be getting tested for possible antibodies against the Corona virus.

Deb then proceeded with opening prayers of thankfulness, guidance and the opportunity to meet during the Coronavirus.

The meeting continued with a reading from Mathew 18:10-22. The vestry contemplated briefly on the passage.

The April minutes were then moved to be approved as is, by Betsy Barrett which was seconded by Sarah Schneider. It was approved unanimously.

Financial Report:

Joe reported that the finance committee addressed each line item of the Income and Expense report which predicted the year ending with a surplus of over \$12,000. However, Joe also directed the vestry to the bottom line of the report, which showed a trend of a loss of \$6,000 monthly, over the last 3 months. Projections for the cash position for the 2nd half of the year:

- Short-term might be completely different.
- Pledge revenue is still healthy since it is still ahead of the pace.
- Non-pledge is down.

At the end of the Sabbatical, Joe, Deb, and Father Patrick will reconcile the expenses which will give a better indication of the disposition of the funds.

Suggestions:

- Send out a "friendly reminder" in the weekly newsletter to the congregation of the Church's operational needs that come from their monthly pledges.
- Have the pledge secretary send out an update of the congregants' pledge statement.
- Remind the congregants of the option to donate online.

Tom moved to accept the treasurer's report. Betsy seconded it. All approved unanimously.

Building Report:

Tom presented the vestry with a detailed Building and Grounds report for May 2020. This report is available on St. Paul's Google page. The main topics discussed were:

- Fire suppression by the sprinkler heads in the basement.
- Disposition of the HVAC unit that is located over the office area.
- Cost of extra bags of mulch for the yard.

After much discussion the vestry decided to go ahead with the sprinkler repair and to defer the fire suppression drain and HVAC until late summer or early fall, since no one is in the building consistently. This service will cost \$1,985. It was moved by David and seconded by Joe. All approved unanimously.

Betsy offered to donate the money for the additional mulch.

Ann moved to accept the Building report. Betsy seconded it. It was approved unanimously.

Search Committee Report:

David informed the vestry that the Search committee met via Zoom to discuss salary recommendations and benefits. The group plans to meet again at Prairiewood, on May 21, 2020. He pointed out that it was still early in the Rector Search process. Various suggestions were made to encourage feedback from the congregation including reaching out to St. Paul's members via the weekly Covid-19 calling- tree. The Parish Profile will be uploaded on St. Paul's Google page with the financial information included in it. Ann moved to approve the Search Committee report seconded by Tom. All approved unanimously.

Other items:

Marian proposed a drive-by/card-shower recognition ceremony for the St. Paul's graduating high school senior- John Horton-Smith and college seniors – Aaron Galloway and Obiribea Ofori-Bah. It was approved unanimously.

Next vestry meeting will be on June 10, 2020 with the return of Father Patrick. The meeting ended with closing prayers at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Rebecca Burton