

Vestry Minutes of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Marquette, Michigan

Aug 15, 2021

This meeting was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Present: Cathy Cole, Lynn Domina, Jan Edwards, Sandra Jones, and Janeen Rastall

Absent: Marna Franson and Kris Mowafy **Guests:** Geoff Smith

Lynn Domina opened the meeting with a prayer of self-dedication.

The minutes from the July 18th meeting were approved.

Building Use Policy – Lynn Domina and Cathy Cole developed a draft building use policy. They used the current policy and combined it with a few ideas from Messiah Lutheran's building use policy. Our insurance company recommends that when renting to for-profit organizations, we should have our name added to their insurance policy as a rider if they rent on a regular basis. For occasional rentals, proof of insurance is suggested. The Vestry will discuss non-profit insurance requirements in the future. Suggestions were made to streamline and make the draft policy consistent between the use of various rooms in the draft. Consideration of church members' use of the building was discussed and use of outdoor space. Publicizing the availability of the building will be discussed at a future meeting. The final version of the building use policy will be discussed at the September Vestry meeting. Geoff Smith will do a photographic inventory of the church including the windows, the organs and the Grand Piano.

Almoner's Fund and funds/resources for both non-church members and church members who are in need was discussed. Lynn will find out if the current budget has a line item for the Almoner's Fund and if so, how it is distributed. There were discussions of what to provide to people in need who walk into St. Paul's, such a small supply of canned goods or bus passes or a resource list. Lynn will do some research for a future discussion of the Vestry.

Recognition of Marcia Franz, Pat Micklow, and Bob Railey – Marna would like to do a celebration of appreciation and recognition of the three during a September Sunday service. Cathy Cole volunteered to help. Janeen offered to create a slide show.

Personal issue Janeen Rastall - Janeen Rastall let the Vestry know that for health reasons she will be looking for someone to run for her spot on the Vestry when her term is complete.

Junior Warden report – On the problem with paint peeling above a window near organ, Sierra and Jan found a crack in the sandstone. Jan notified Building Committee. Linc will take some pictures and check with some masons on his staff.

Jan found a drawer full of Junior Warden material. She will consolidate and retain the useful information on the parish digital files. Marna will update the list of items that the Junior Warden should monitor in the church building.

The exterior painting of the church is complete and Jan needs someone to carry the paint cans down to basement.