

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

Feb. 20, 2022

This meeting was held in person and virtually.

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

Absent: Marna Franson

Guests: Charlie and Margie West

Cathy Cole opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes for the last Vestry meeting were approved.

Junior Warden's Report – Northern Restorations will meet with Linc Frazier at the church to evaluate the tuck pointing. Jan Edwards asked for bids broken down by order of priority in terms of greatest need of repair and in addition for an estimate for all the repairs.

Otis Elevator company has offered to give St. Paul's a discount on the maintenance contract if payment was made on a new schedule. The Vestry requested that Jan forward the contract to the finance committee for their review. It was felt that the discount was not significant enough to change the payment schedule.

West Sunday Prayer Service – The Wests described their planned twice monthly prayer service. The Wests will coordinate reservations of the chapel with Sierra. Their plans are for an informal service of prayers and songs. It was suggested that Wild Church might be interested in their services. Janeen Rastall offered to send the information to the Marquette Monthly calendar about the service. The Vestry approved their plans.

Building Use Policy – Cathy Cole asked if the charge for weddings was disproportionate to the charge for other events in the Sanctuary. There was a discussion about the number of people who would need to be involved for wedding preparations, and counseling. Kris asked if there had been discussions with the cleaning company about Saturday evening cleanings after weddings. The Vestry decided to keep the Building Use Policy as written. Janeen will add language to the new website highlighting that LGBTQ couples are welcome to have weddings at St. Paul's. Sandra Jones will get the Building Use document ready to be published on the new website.

New Website – Janeen needs the following items for the new website: information from the Outreach Committee, photos of all the rooms that can be rented, time with Sierra to setup PayPal and the Google Drive and Calendar. Lynn Domina will determine who can help supply the Outreach information and Janeen will contact Geoff Smith to take pictures of the building rooms. Once she has built the final website, Janeen will have it approved by the Vestry. She will setup a process for Steve Pelto and Sierra to maintain the website.

Grant Proposal – The grant proposal for funds to repair the stained glass windows and exterior is complete with the exception of exterior photos and for a church leader to complete the Letter of Intent. The deadline is March 7th. The Vestry recommends that Marna Franson be the point person representing St. Paul’s and submitting the grant in her name.

Annual Meeting – Lynn will arrange the ordering of sandwiches, chips and beverages for the meeting with Sierra. St. Paul’s will pay for the meal. Lynn will conduct the meeting. While people are eating lunch, she will ask them to discuss the following priorities:

- Next Congregational Discernment Process
- The Use of the Building
- Growing the Congregation
- Engagement with the Marquette Community
- The Structure of Committees
- Fun & Fellowship
- Other

Attendees will select their highest priorities after discussions at their tables. The Annual Meeting will also have all of the committee reports and the elections of new Vestry members. Vestry members will be installed after the meeting concludes.

Transfer to New Vestry – Lynn will check with Dan Rydholm about a Vestry notebook which would be helpful for new Vestry members. Marna, Jane Cislucis and Lynn will meet after Marna returns to complete the Bylaws. The group thanked Lynn and Jan for their leadership.