

St Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
July 16, 2023

Present: Fred Cole, Margie West, Kris Mowafy, Jan Edwards Marna Franson, Linc Frazier, Arlene Gordanier, Meg Goodrich via phone.

Opening prayer was offered by Margie West

Kris Mowafy, Sr. Warden called the meeting to order.

Kris Mowafy made a motion to accept the minutes from the June Meeting as presented, Cathy Cole seconded, and motion passed.

New Business

Marna Franson, Missioner, shared her experience and observation from the "It's All About Love" a churchwide festival of worship, learning, community, and action for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, held July 9-12, in Baltimore MD. It was inspiring as well as focused on action. Marna shared with the vestry the many resources available such as Try Tank (trytank.org) experimental lab for Church growth and innovation, Good News Gardens, Church reimaged, Lifelong learning opportunities. National church resources connectors to Tom Bracket Genesis II, Church Planning and Mission development.

Episcopal News Service (www.episcopalnewsservice.org) is a source to events and connections in the wider church. Arlene Gordanier will send the information to Sierra Larson for signing up for ENS. And getting that information to St Paul's congregation. It is a good idea to have a person or people in our community to share their awareness of opportunities.

We discussed solar panels to off-set the rising costs of power. Michigan Interfaith Power and Light (miipl.org) is actively engaged with a source to help congregations fund a solar panel project. To begin the process for a proposal we need to send our power bill for 1 year (12 months)

Our community and our faith communities need to re-commit to Climate change education as well as actions for this time. The season of Creation is an excellent tool to re-engage focus and how faith communities can impact and support the efforts of Care for Creation. These efforts are crucial and given we enjoy our life on Lake Superior it is vital that we re-engage caring for this place we love.

Old Business

The planning Team for the conference on aging with plans to have a Zoom conversation with Dorothy Linthicum. The plans are for gatherings beginning --Thursday, September 21 through Saturday, September 23rd. The planning focus for this time is to develop continuing resources and gatherings. (see Attached tri-fold) Articles for the August Messenger(Arlene)

Junior Wardens

An insurance walk-through, on July 25th at 11:00 AM with the insurance agent is planned and having others to be present in addition to Cathy and Fred Cole would be very helpful.

The vestry revisited the Building Use policy and groups using the building. We are opening our doors and making progress in using our building and keeping our space welcoming and safe..

Action is necessary regarding the Gutters and recent issues---an estimate for addressing this issue is necessary.

Grant Follow-up---it is necessary to find a new granting source using a search engine specifically for grants.

Community and our Congregation ---

Survey regarding the recent Discovery/Discernment Process:

Concerns – What tools to use for assessment.

Fall before Annual Meeting

Mutual Ministry with the Stewardship Drive

Celebrate our Ministry's Efforts

Questions for Survey—

Listening Survey's ---Lydia Bucklin as guide

Margie West offered closing prayers.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Arlene Gordanier,

Secretary.

Lock-up for August: Kris Mowafy

Prayers for August Vestry meeting : Kris Mowafy.