

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

Present: Kris Mowafy, Cathy Cole, Linc Frazier. Fred Cole, Jan Edwards, Marna Franson, Arlene Gordanier.

Arlene Gordanier offered the opening prayer, and Kris Mowafy, Sr. warden, called the meeting to order.

Fred Cole made a motion to accept the minutes of the March Meeting as presented, Jan Edwards seconded the motion, passed.

#### New Business

Discernment update—there was a discussion regarding the format and areas which would be benefitted by updating the process documents—the current process dates from the late 90's early 2000's. The discernment team noted they were not able to engage the discovery process for discernment of specific ministries which St Paul's might/would need/want. The need for written input in the process was lacking.

Arlene Gordanier made a motion for the vestry to receive the names of those who have accepted the invitation to form the third generation Covenant group at St Paul's and their roles the motion was seconded by Kris Mowafy and passed. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Covenant group will be presented to the congregation soon.

Cathy Cole-accepted hospitality

Chet DeFonso accepted Ecumenical Coordinator

Peter Goodrich accepted ecumenical coordinator.

Arlene Gordanier accepted priest and preacher.

Kris Mowafy accepted deacon.

Mohey Mowafy accepted preacher and ecumenical coordinator.

Bob Potruzuski accepted preacher.

Carol Potruzuski accepted educational coordinator.

Bob Railey accepted Catechumenal coordinator.

Mary Sullivan accepted worship coordinator.

Due to lack of participation as well as the quality of Zoom presentation

Reception especially sound the Sunday service zoom will be discontinued.

It is a good idea to be aware of feedback and a need to return to the Zoom platform for Sunday Worship.

The Holocaust Memorial service scheduled for 4/19/23 here at St Paul's ---could use security because of the current environment for violent disruption. Marquette Police Department and marked cars in the area. Use only the atrium door in and out. Kris Mowafy will contact Aaron Scholnik to assess the level of need and the availability.

Of personnel.

The Button-Up Project---a project begun in 2016 for Homeless Children---those without a regular/consistent place to sleep. Patty Kimber has asked for storage space for May. And the use of the great room for a rummage sale in June –Friday and Saturday. All cleanup and not purchased items will be removed. Cathy Cole made a motion to allow the group to store items in May and hold the sale event in June. This was supported by Jan Edwards and passed. Clearing out the undercroft might harvest some donations.

Old Business

The workshop on spirituality and aging with Dorothy Linthicum has been moved to Sept. 21—24 and possibly 9/20/23 also. Kris Mowafy and Arlene Gordanier volunteered to help with planning with Marna Franson

Community Meal for April will be hosted by the choir on 4/26/23.

MSTYC (ministry support team yearly conference) Tom Brackett –The Episcopal Church—serves in Church development and church planting will be the keynote. Convener. Mary Grove Conference Center , Garden, MI 9/29/23—9/30/23. Details and registration will be available in late spring.

Nursery and baby changing station ---neutral place and sound proofing are needed,

Linc Frazier, treasurer presented the financial report which the vestry received. Planned giving—is a topic for the future.

Interfaith power and light ([www.miipl](http://www.miipl)) **Energy** efficiency grants with Sacred Spaces grants.

Looking ahead---with gardens and the grounds---perhaps a pet cemetery.

Junior Warden

Spring Work bee date May 7<sup>th</sup> with a weekday as back-up

Spring Fling---discussed.

Nursey –still in progress

Downstairs heat in the former J2A room valve not working.

Keys found in snowbank---Plowing people ???

Window in sanctuary---continue to work on

Grand Piano will need a dolly.

No overnight winter parking for problem vehicles in the neighborhood

Update to the directory talk with Sierra.

Keeping up with St Paul's Alumni in a significant manner—where are they? Significant events for them

QR code sticker for Tithe.ly perhaps?

Lock up for May Cathy Cole  
Closing prayer offered by Arlene Gordanier  
Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene Gordanier