

St Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
January 15, 2023

Present: Fred Cole, Meg Goodrich, Arlene Gordanier, Cathy Cole, Kris Mowafy, Margie West, Marna Franson, Linc Frazier , Geoff Smith, Guest.

Opening Prayers were offered by Fred Cole and Kris Mowafy, Warden, called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the December 18, 2022, vestry meeting were amended to reflect those who might fulfill the vacancy on the vestry so we have seven members. . Fred Cole made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Kris Mowafy seconded the motion and it passed.

Annual Meeting Plans (2/19/23) Vestry will provide lunch:

Fred Cole will order Subs.

Arlene Gordanier---chips

Meg Goodrich will ask Bob Railey about cookies.

Soda/Pop---Margie West

Annual Reports are due 2/1/23 to Sierra Larson preferred method is by E-mail.

Fred Cole will shepherd the meeting.

Things we might talk about:

Mutual Ministry

“Growing a church for fun, fellowship comments “from the 2022 annual meeting survey.

Jan Brodersen---talk about the Music opportunities.

Lydia Bucklin talks about Mutual Ministry

The Discernment process being done currently.

Other???

By-Laws---Marna Franson, Lynn Domina, and Jane Cisluycis have been updating St Paul's By-Laws which required changes reflecting our current structure. The vestry will receive these by email and review and prepare them for the Annual meeting.

The congregation will vote on the by-laws at the annual meeting.

February 9, 2023, the copies of the Current Bylaws and the New Bylaws were emailed to the vestry members.

Kristen Mowafy <kristenmowafy@outlook.com>

Feb 9, 2023,

9:15 AM

to Meg, me, Catherine, Margie, Marna, St, Fred, Lin

Hi all, the motion to accept the wording of the by-laws and present them to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting was made by Kris and seconded by Meg. Motion has passed by a majority of members. Arlene, please add this to your minutes. Thanks all. Kris

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Capital Funds Committee (Chet DeFonso, Meg Goodrich, Cathy Cole & Fred Cole)

Met to look at Grants and the concept of “buy in’s” from Lay, Clergy, Diocese in the granting processes. Sacred Space grant historic buildings Jan Edwards and Janeen Rastall worked on this previously and their documents are helpful. The committee provided an information sheet to clarify the steps in the process (attached.) A “point person” is necessary. Perhaps a recording of the Annual Meeting could be helpful.

Following a discussion of the work necessary to the church building and other building needs, Kris Mowafy made a motion to proceed with the letter of intent to Sacred Space Grant and to continue to seek out a captain for the Capital Funds campaign. This motion was supported by Arlene Gordanier; passed.

The Tax ID number and other necessary Contact Name---perhaps Marna Franson could be the Name on the application but NOT

As Captain of the Capital Funds Campaign.

A discussion followed regarding how to inform the congregation and if a letter about this need for Capital Funds and should it be sent prior to the Annual Meeting, Also, looking to see Who might have energy to be the Point Person (captain).

A visit from Dorothy Linthicum for a learning event on Aging and Spiritual need. Kris Mowafy made a motion to use the funds received from the Design Thinking project to bring Dorothy Linthicum to the UP, this motion was supported by Arlene Gordanier and Passed. Tentative time is the week of May 7th and to include a variety of venues.

Little House Aerial –Aerial gymnastics for ages 9 to teens. A J Schierkolk would like to use the chapel. The equipment is portable and the consideration of the floor in the chapel is important, and safe practices are essential. Liability Insurance is mandatory prior to use. Margie West made a motion to allow the use of the chapel for this—with the necessary liability insurance—and to revisit the use in 2 months to see if it is working for Little House Aerial and St. Paul’s. The fee for the use of the Chapel for this activity would be as listed in the Building Use Guidelines. This motion was supported by Kris Mowafy and passed.

Old Business

Communications ---Communicating effectively is a constant goal---Sierra Larson is able to communicate via email from her home residence using her Cell phone Service,

Tending to Glitches--- E-mail contacts updates as well as directory updates are needed. Having a message on the phone for who to contact in a Pastoral Care situation/need would be helpful to have an outgoing message for afterhours phone calls.

Discernment ---Discernment team is continuing the process, weather has been a glitch sometimes although the steps in the process are on target.

Website continues to be an issue. Steve Pelto and Sierra Larson will seek to update so we are able to use this form of communication more effectively.

Ideally, creating partnerships with the community and building use would/might fund the church building, and pledges could/would support the Ministry of the Church,

The Vestry received the Financial report from Linc Frazier, treasurer, showing Trust Status in addition to the usual financial reports.

The Junior wardens presented their report (attached)

Following a discussion about the former J2A room and the lighting, Kris Mowafy made a motion to allow \$300 to do the light project in this room. This motion was supported by Margie West and passed.

Fred Cole offered the closing prayer.

Lock-up for February –Margie West and Meg Goodrich

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Gordanier