

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

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

Opening Prayer was offered by Kris Mowafy

Kris Mowafy, senior warden, called the meeting to order.

Jan Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Fred Cole supported; motion passed.

**New Business**

Halloween trick or treating will take place October 31<sup>st</sup> at the traditional hours for Marquette (4:00—7:00) It is noted that Kris Mowafy is the Fairy costume creator, and we can always use more candy.

The vestry is encouraged to be thinking about personally inviting people to consider standing for election. We will need at least 2 new vestry members.

Those who attended MSTYC shared their experiences and reflections of the recent conference with Tom Brackett as the presenter.

Congregational Visioning discussion.

A model to consider :

Focus groups scheduled to accommodate those in the congregation—bearing in mind work schedules, responsibilities of parents, Seniors, youth, and the general demographics of those Who attend St Paul's.

Questions/survey designed to discover and identify hopes, dreams, and visions as well as the skills of the congregation/community. It would represent a 6-week time period , ideally 4 weeks of the focus groups and additional time to collate what is harvested. Marna Franson, our missionary, has used this model in a previous congregation, and it was a tool which helped them move forward in their life together.

Arlene Gordanier made a motion that we engage this model/process with our congregation, the motion was supported by Kris Mowafy and passed.

Jan Edwards brought to our attention a protocol agreement with the Marquette Housing Commission . In this agreement, St Paul's would serve as an emergency Staging area for the Pineridge housing complex. Further investigation is necessary as to whether this is still the protocol.

### **Old Business**

Linc Frazier provided/Presented information from Solar Faithful. There was a discussion regarding the Zoom presentations . There are many variables and questions regarding this resource and the implementation of solar panels.

Fred Cole reported on an estimate from Peninsula Solar---and conversations he has had with them. Peninsula Soar will revise their bid. Significant questions remain regarding whether this is a prudent investment for St. Paul's. Linc Frazier will contact Solar Faithful for further information.

### **Financial Report**

Linc Frazier, treasurer, presented the financial report and the vestry received it.

The bid and contract were received for the snowplowing for the ensuing winter .

Fred Cole made a motion that we accept the bid with Oberstar and sign the contract, the motion was supported by Cathy Cole and passed.

### **Junior Wardens Report**

The wheelchair entrance ramps have been upgraded to make access smoother. THANK YOU To the jr. warden crew.

Winter parking lot policy—no overnight parking allowed, and sign will be posted. Violators will be ticketed because of the interference with plowing /sanding.

Fall Grounds clean-up will be October 29<sup>th</sup> with a back-up date November 5<sup>th</sup>. Soup & bread will make a nice lunch for the workers.

The door handle for the parking lot entrance remains a repair/replacement issue. The locksmith comes from the Houghton area, it is planned to have the lock replaced and the keyed to our current keys.

There was a discussion regarding applying for The National Historic Registry as it may help as well as enhance grant applications and might be a needed to lift to the granting process of Sacred Spaces.

The heat tapes for winter ice build -up requires electrician advice.

Given the length of vestry business and meeting times extending beyond desirable length— Perhaps we might consider time limits to our agenda—or other time saving suggestions..

Kris Mowafy offered the Closing Prayer

Lock-up for November Fred Cole

November Prayers Cathy Cole

Respectfully Submitted

Arlene Gordanier, Clerk.