

St Paul's Episcopal Church  
Marquette Michigan  
Vestry Meeting  
February 18, 2024

Present: Marna Franson, Missioner, Dan Rydholm, Fred Cole, Junior Warden, Carol Potrzuski, Meg Goodrich, Margie West, Arlene Gordanier, Clerk, Linc Frazier, Treasurer.  
Retiring Vestry members: Kris Mowafy, Senior Warden, Cathy Greer Cole, Co-Junior warden,  
Guests: Dick Graybill

The Vestry met following the conclusion of the Annual Meeting for the purpose of organizing Warden, Junior Warden, and Clerk for the coming year. The vestry also Met to receive necessary information regarding the distribution of the trust from Imogene Miller, benefactor, and St Paul's as one of the beneficiaries. The other beneficiaries are the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan, and the Marquette General Hospital, now Defunct. Dick Graybill, treasurer for the Diocese of Northern Michigan and an elected member of the Diocesan Trust Association, walked us through the necessary steps, and procedures we will need to do prior to the distribution of the funds.

The members present learned about Imogene Miller and her deep love for St Paul's and the Diocese of Northern Michigan. We also were blessed to learn about Mrs. Millers family and the beloved Dandelion Cottage which once graced the property surrounding St Paul's. Dan Rydholm shared his stories and tender tidbits of Mrs. Miller and her family including the Author of Dandelion Cottage, Carroll Wattson Rankin. We are anxious to learn more about her life and time in Marquette.

The vestry engaged in thoughtful discussion regarding this Trust Disbursement which could be around \$900, 000. Marna Franson, missioner, advised us that she has been in conversation with the bishop, Rayford Ray, to guide us in How the Holy Spirit will guide us as we receive this gift, and look to our mission, ministry, and presence in Marquette and beyond. This thoughtful conversation included being mindful of spending quality, designated time in discerning who we will be and do. We will need to look creatively for another community beyond this time, its leaders, and the deep values Of this historic community. Incubation and opportunity to be faithful stewards of St Paul's including our finances and this generous gift.

We discussed how to inform the congregation beyond the vestry, first the Stewardship committee for its wisdom and counsel. Marna Franson, Missioner, Dan Rydholm, Jan Edwards, and others will collaborate on a letter to be mailed to the congregation.

The next step in the process is to receive this benefit.

Fred Cole made a motion to receive the benefit of the trust **In Kind**.

The Diocese of Northern Michigan will receive this on our behalf (as we are not incorporated) and to follow Linc Frazier, treasurer's guidance of placing these funds in the Current Trust Agreement with the Diocese of Northern Michigan, and Range Bank. This new line item in St Paul's Trust account would be The Imogene Miller Trust and would be separate in use from the St Paul's Trust and the Shiras Trust as has been determined in our current agreements with the Diocese of Northern Michigan and Trust Management of Range Bank. Arlene Gordanier supported this motion and it passed.

The vestry and congregation will spend dedicated time and energy to discern this Wonderful gift and how our life as a community and congregation will be engaged in the mission of the church.

A slate of officers was presented from the group gathered:

Jan Edwards Senior Warden  
Fred Cole continuing as Junior Warden  
Arlene Gordanier continues as Clerk.

There being no nomination from the floor, Arlene Gordanier made a motion to close nominations and to instruct the clerk to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate, this was supported by Meg Goodrich and passed.

The next meeting of the vestry is scheduled for March 17, 2024, after church and may be changed.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene Gordanier, Clerk.