

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
January 21, 2024

Present: Kris Mowafy, Meg Goodrich, Jan Edwards, Margie West, Marna Franson, Arlene Gordanier, Linc Frazier

Arlene Gordanier offered opening Prayer,

Kris Mowafy, senior warden, called the meeting to order.  
Kris Mowafy made a motion to accept the minutes from the December meeting as presented, and Jan Edwards supported the motion, passed.

#### New Business

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup> after worship.

We will need to elect two new members to the Vestry. Cathy Cole and Kris Mowafy completed their terms this year. We will present a slate of nominees at the meeting

We will also receive the Annual Financial report and will present a Budget for the Coming calendar year. Other reports will be presented in written format to be received.

Other opportunities for the Annual Meeting Program include.

- Celebrate what we as St Paul's Church have done.

- since the last annual meeting

- See what we might plan for the immediate future and calendar it.

- Newsprint to 12 months ---"what's happening?"

- Recognize and honor those who have served in many areas.

- To keep us moving forward,

Potluck sign-up for lunch---in place of sandwiches.

#### Old Business

We reviewed our Vestry Covenant and amended it. Arlene Gordanier made a motion to accept and formalize this covenant as amended, the motion was supported by Jan Edwards and passed. The covenant will be reviewed annually and for each new vestry.

We reviewed the Congregation survey and the group discussions, and the last discussion group is yet to happen.

The data and learning from this survey will come as we proceed through the year.

We Talked about building and Grounds potentials for partnerships.

## Community Gardens

Using our building for groups that need “incubator spaces.”

Program and mission.

Convey the challenges and the possibilities for our building use and possibilities.

The vestry received the financial report from Linc Frazier, treasurer.

## Junior Warden Report

The Elevator Maintenance contract and the necessary timeline awareness to change the service provider . This needs to stay on our radar as it for February of 2025

## Other

The **Diocese of Northern Michigan** has launched a racial reconciliation initiative, “Walking Together: Finding Common Ground,” centered around a traveling exhibit that showcases stories of Indigenous boarding school survivors in Michigan. Exhibit in Barga.

Ministry Support Team Yearly Conference (MSTYC) is scheduled for April.

Action Items: Reports for the Annual Meeting to Sierra Larson for publication

Our Next Meeting with New Vestry is scheduled for, March 17<sup>th</sup> And we will try to reschedule as Marna will be in Connecticut for her Dad’s Memorial service.

Arlene Gordanier offered closing prayers.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene Gordanier, clerk of the Vestry.