

Vestry Minutes | August 20, 2024

Present: Jay Woodhull, senior warden (remote), Mike Miller, junior warden; Fr. Christian Baron, Stan Alexander, Deacon Otto Anderson, Linda Bumiller, Joe Cairo, Charlie Campbell, Dana Cunningham, Bob Neben (Treasurer), Cheryl Strine, Kathleen Walters, Bee Tanner, Randy Young (Finance Chair)

Guests: Micki Neben, Elliot Haller, LuAnn Stanley

Meeting opened at 5:30 p.m. with prayer and a contemplation on the Gospel reading from John, appointed for Sunday, August 18.

Dana Cunningham was appointed as clerk for the meeting. Names for permanent clerk to be submitted to Fr. Christian for consideration.

Approval of July Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mike Miller 2nd: Bob Neben Approved as presented by acclamation

New Business

a. Zoom Call with Joe Dehner, Diocesan Attorney for Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio

An explanation of – and conversation concerning – Canon XVI, Sections 23-30, of the 2022 Diocese of Southern Ohio Constitution and Canons, which relates to resolving differences between rectors and their parishes

b. Proposal to Repair Main Sanctuary A/C

Property committee thoroughly reviewed proposal and recommends to proceed as written. Motion to accept proposal from Rieck totally \$12,790.

Motion to approve: Mike Miller 2nd: Charlie Campbell Approved by acclamation

c. Proposal to Purchase Refurbished laptop for Priest-in-Charge for \$800

Motion to approve: Charlie Campbell 2nd: Bee Tanner Approved by acclamation

d. Discussion to establish a non-member price for niche in Columbarium

Tabled for future meeting.

Action Item: Jay Woodhull to research prices charged at other area columbariums, such as Woodland Cemetery.

Report from Priest-in-Charge

- Parishioners Ron and Dave Brown-Gray, who started the Verger ministry in 2021 and have served the parish faithfully, have unfortunately resigned. Three immediate gaps to be filled have been identified:
 - Organizing the picnic, currently scheduled for 9/29.
Consensus: keep the date, but relocate from Paw Paw Shelter to the Parish Hall.

- Scheduling lay readers, acolytes and others who assist with worship on Sunday.
Action Item: Fr. Christian will meet with ministry leaders to determine best way forward.
- Birthday Sunday. Consensus was to maintain first Sunday to celebrate parish birthdays.
 Action Item: Joe Cairo volunteered to provide cake on September 1.
- Returning to main sanctuary.
 Consensus: return on Sunday, September 29, in coordination with picnic.
- Stewardship. Jay Woodhull will chair. Several other Vestry willing to assist. More conversation/planning to come.

Old Business

a. Updates to By-Laws

Action Item: Jay Woodhull to finalize updates to St. Paul's By-Laws. Will present in September.

b. Communications Director

Looking at options.

Action Item: Mike Miller and Fr. Christian will present cost proposal to Finance and re-present in September.

c. Securing Church on Sundays

Action Item: Mike Miller to organize teams of two and communication proposal for parish re: wrapping up coffee hour; will work with Sue Starner to schedule training, including how to provide keys.

Property Committee

A committee has been identified and has met. No report.

Finance – reported by Finance Chair, Randy Young

Expenses are reasonably in line; pledge income is below expectations; plate is up.

Parish Life

No report.

Communication

No report.

Fr. Christian offered a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: September 17; Bob Neben to serve as clerk.