

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2023 | 5:30 p.m.

Members present:

Jay Woodhull	Mike Miller	Stan Alexander	Linda Bumiller
Charlie Campbell	Dana Cunningham	Jevan Furmanski	Shea Sampson
Bee Tanner	Father Dan McClain	<u>Members Absent:</u>	Lyons Hamblen

Father Dan McClain opened the meeting with a prayer.

Review/approve the September Minutes:

With minor correction (notated with bullets below), Mike Miller moved and Jevan Furmanski seconded to accept the minutes as published. All approved.

- under New Business change the 1st line to read: Maybe have an informal parish discussion following the election of the new bishop scheduled to take place on September 30.
- under Strategic Framework (last line) – delete the word “to”
- under Warden Report (10th line down) change from plead cards to pledge cards.

Strategic Framework/Action Plan Roundup:

1. Parish App
 - The app is ready and available in both the Apple and Google App Stores for people to sign up
 - Functionality is an ongoing work in progress, with transition to be completed in 2024
 - Tithely has been retired
2. Digital Updates to Parish Hall/Cloister – tabled
3. VBS – completed. GROW! Program launched in September as ongoing formation and fellowship offering
4. Youth Mission Trip – completed. GROW! Program launched in September as formation and fellowship offering
5. Newcomer ministry – in progress; GROW! encouraged for newcomers; Furmanki family hosted newcomers at their home Sept. 17
6. 1:1 Stewardship – in progress; see below for additional information
7. St. Barnabas/Columbarium – no report
8. Budget Alignment – completed
9. Lenten Discernment – completed

Rector's Report:

- Father Dan is attending a virtual conference titled “Preaching in an Age of Crisis” and has also signed up for the program “Healthy Congregations” taking place monthly in Columbus.
- The parish will commemorate the *Season of Remembrance* October 31-November 12. A candle station has been placed in the narthex.
- Our first annual West Dayton Ride in partnership with We Are Bike Kids on Sept 23 was fun, and we will plan to do it again next year
- Additional corporate discernment is desired for outdoor ministry
- There have been two planning meetings to date for the Anglican Christmas Festival

Wardens' Report:

- There has been agreement with the Lombard Peace Center and the diocese to engage Lombard for a consultation on the topic of Healthy Congregation. Date is still to be determined.
- The vestry is the stewardship committee, and 100% participation is needed.
- Requested from vestry: a personal statement on "what is stewardship"
- Proposed ingathering on November 12

Properties Report:

Request for authorization of funds:

- Repair/replace garbage disposal in the main kitchen. Quotes were presented. Second by Jay Woodhull. Motion passed.
- Upgrade to window wells in back garden to prevent flooding of basement rooms. A motion was made by Stan Alexander to personally research for less costly options; motion tabled.
- Replacement of four windows in the basement – cost \$3845. A motion to approve by Shea Sampson; seconded by Jevan Furmanski. Approved unanimously.

Finance Report:

- On budget; spending lean

New Business:

- Soliciting membership for Legacy Committee; need to name effort to create distinction for contributors (e.g., 1925/St. Barnabas)
- A motion by Mike Miller to use \$2000 from the Outreach Fund for the Anglican Christmas Festival as this is a community outreach opportunity. Seconded by Jevan Furmanski. Approved by all.
- The Diocesan Convention is November 11. Delegates will participate remotely from Parish Hall. All are welcome.
- Nominating Committee is being formed, Shea Sampson to lead as outgoing Vestry.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting: November 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Respectfully submitted by Dana Cunningham