

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Final Vestry Minutes June 15, 2021

Present (in person): Paul Board, Jennifer Elliott, Jaimie Deye, Mark Christophono, Carol Sachs, Adriana McNally, Jennifer Hoelzer, Marty Baker, Michele Alexander, and Tom Weeks
Remote via Zoom: Jonathan Ashton and Glenous Favata
Excused: Will Finnegan

The meeting began in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm to view the stained-glass window behind the altar illuminated by in the evening sun. Only the upper portion of the window was illuminated, the rest was already in shadow. The window is north facing so it is almost always shaded. When illumined, it is quite beautiful. Vestry decided to view the window to gain a better understanding of what it would look like if artificially illuminated.

Vestry proceeded to the choir room and Paul opened with prayer at 7:09 PM, followed by informal dialogue. The May 17 Vestry Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with two edits.

Motion to accept the minutes after the two edits was made by Marty Baker and seconded by Michele Alexander. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

- I. Rector's Report
 - A. COVID 19 – Vestry met for an extraordinary session via Zoom on Thursday, June 10 to discuss opening the church without Covid-19 restrictions. After much discussion, with consensus and blessing of the Rector and Vestry:
 - i. The mask mandate was dropped.
 - ii. No social distancing would be enforced.
 - iii. No advance registration would be required.
 - iv. Wine will be available at Communion.
 - v. Coffee Hour would be reinstated.Coffee Hour on Sunday, June 13 was well attended.
 - B. Mission Trip
Eleven youth, with Paul and Lori Board as chaperones, will be leaving on Sunday, June 20 for the Mission Trip to Kentucky.
 - C. Altar Window
Parishioners are rarely able to see the beauty of the stained-glass window behind the altar because it is almost always in shadow. The family of Pam Ricciardi has given a gift to the church as a memorial to Pam. They would prefer a spiritual memorial and have chosen illumination of the stained-glass window for the memorial. This would involve building a “box” on the outside of the church to provide artificial illumination on the window. Vestry discussed design questions, specifically, what the exterior should look like. The exterior is mostly hidden by the garage. Vestry postponed a decision to September, allowing time for Vestry members to continue to think about the design questions and the impact on the cost of the project.
 - D. Summer Worship Schedule
Paul has been speaking with Jeff Bunk, the Rector of St. Tim's in Perrysburg. (St. Tim's Vestry did not approve sharing Jennifer's contract.) The discussions have been about socializing opportunities and a pulpit exchange. A summer worship schedule has been created with Paul and Jeff celebrating a

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Communion service at each other's church while they are on vacation. Lay-lead morning prayer services are also scheduled.

E. Parish Picnics

To bring the parishes together in fellowship, St. Tim's will be invited to St. Paul's parish picnic in August and St. Paul's will be invited to St. Tim's parish picnic in September.

II. Senior Warden's Report – Jaimie Deye

A. The Parish picnics seem to be going well on Wednesday nights. It was also noted that we are back to in-person church services!

III. Junior Warden's Report - Jennifer Hoelzer-No Report

IV. Treasurer's Report – Mark Christophono

A. Finance Report

- i. Under One Roof has an abundance of cash. The finance report narrative states a cash balance of \$6869. It should be noted that the majority of the "cash balance" is in the form of gift cards that were donated by Meijer.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Finance Report was made by Carol Sachs and Marty Baker seconded. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

V. Committee Reports

A. Vestry

- i. Stewardship – No report
- ii. Insurance – No report
- iii. Human Resources- Paul Board

1. Secretary Position

A new parish secretary, Shayla Lewis, was hired last week (week of June 7).

2. Christian Ed Director

Vestry previously funded and gave blessing to proceed with hiring a Christian Ed Director. Paul will focus on the position after the Youth Group trip and his family summer vacation.

3. Sunday Sexton

A request was made to hire a person to work Sunday mornings to provide setup and take down for Coffee Hour. Many of the people volunteering for coffee hour are unable to setup the tables themselves. A motion was made to hire a Sexton for 4 hours on Sunday morning at \$15 an hour but it was not seconded. Instead, discussion continued around using volunteers for setup and take down.

- iv. Building and Grounds – Paul Board

1. Parking Lot Landscaping

A request was made to level the hump left by the removal of the tree in the parking lot and to remove the large stones. A quote was received from Perrysburg Landscape in the amount of \$1798.74, with an additional \$265 to be added if the stump needs further grinding.

Motion to accept the quote from Perrysburg Landscape LLC as written, including the contingent stump grinding was made by Marty Baker and Michele Alexander seconded. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

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- v. Energy Audit – No report
 - B. Formation
 - i. Christian Formation - Paul Board
 - 1. Collaboration with St. Tim's
The collaboration with St. Tim's was discussed during the Rector's Report.
 - ii. Inreach – No report
 - iii. Outreach – No report
 - C. Under One Roof – Jennifer Elliot
The committee met on June 7th. The letter is in the vestry packet from June 15; there is no further information.
 - D. Preschool – Paul Board
The summer program is full; approximately 100 persons are enrolled.
There is a waiting list for Fall enrollment.
The State of Ohio has granted EWP \$13,000 as part of the CARES Act. Cristy Seely, the Director, wants to use some of the money for teacher training and certification. Vestry is in agreement with the plan.
- VI. Other Business – None

Note that the next Vestry meeting date will be Tuesday, September 21, at 7:00 PM via Zoom, and in person.

Motion to adjourn was made by Marc Christophono at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted by _____

Carol A. Sachs, Clerk

