P – Present

Z – Zoom

E – Excused

A - Absent

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| Michele Alexander - P | Carter Adams - E | Mark Christophono - E |
| Marty Baker - P | Tom Mercer - Z | Jamie Deye - P |
| Glenous Favata - P | Deno Music - P | Bill Fayerweather - P |
| Jonathan Ashton - P | Kelly Trame - Z | Jennifer Hoelzer - P |

Minutes taken by Jaimie Deye.

Paul opened with prayer at 7:01 PM. Informal dialogue followed.

The June 2023 vestry minutes were reviewed and two corrections were suggested.

Motion to accept the June minutes with the two corrections was made by Michele Alexander and seconded by Deno Music. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

1. Rector’s Report
   1. WiFi Grant – Similar to previous grants we’ve received, this time to put in all new access points for the WiFi in the building. Would be close to $1,000 each but is fully covered by the grant. They are already installed and are working better than the previous ones. **Motion to approve the grant that was preapproved by the executive committee was made by Jonathan Ashton and seconded by Marty Baker. Passed Unanimously.**
   2. New Member Dinner – May have to be a small dinner in the rectory instead of the parish hall because many new members and vestry members are busy on the selected date.
   3. Confirmation, November 5 – Bishop Jolly is meeting confirmands early in the morning and then having a class with them. She will attend the 10:00 service which will be followed by a reception afterwards. Vestry will meet with Bishop Jolly after.
   4. Music Program – Brad is requesting $2,500 for two singers to be section leaders in the choir between now and Christmas. This would cover rehearsals and 10 performances. There was $1,300 left over from the $3,600 that was approved in March because Brad could only find two section leaders instead of the four approved. **A motion to approve the request for $2,500 to fund the two section leaders through Christmas and to not use the remaining unspent funds from before was made by Michele Alexander. Deno seconded. Passed Unanimously.**
   5. Diocesan Delegates – The three suggested delegates were Michele Alexander, Deno Music, and Todd Deye. **A motion was made to accept the delegates as listed by Jonathan Ashton and seconded by Kelly Trame. Passed Unanimously.**
   6. Migration Resolution – Fran Board is part of a national committee on migration ministries and has been working to help draft a resolution titled *Migration with Dignity*. Fran requested we review the resolution to see if St. Paul’s would submit it to the Diocese of Ohio Convention. Because the resolution had to be submitted before Vestry met, Paul submitted it to the diocese as a priest but it could also be supported by our vestry. **A motion was made to support the resolution *Migration with Dignit*y by Jaimie Deye and seconded by Jonathan Ashton. Passed Unanimously.**
   7. Christian Education Position Description – An updated job description was provided for the position with the extended hours that were approved at a previous meeting. **A motion was made to accept the job description of Director of Christian Education as described in the packet by Bill Fayerweather and seconded by Michele Alexander. Passed Unanimously.**
2. Senior Warden’s Report
   1. The Marjorie Wilson Outreach Endowment, a new endowment funded by Neil and Mary Jane Horn, is in the process of being created and will generate money each year to be spent on Outreach. This does not cost St. Paul’s any additional money for the money to be invested.
3. Junior Warden’s Report
   1. No report.
4. Treasurer’s Report – Mark Christophono was absent (excused) and included a written report.
   1. Finance Report – Nothing to add.

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as written was made by Jonathan Ashton and seconded by Marty Baker. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

1. Committee Reports
   1. Vestry
      1. Communications – Will have a Vestry Corner update on Friday in The Communicant.
      2. Stewardship – Would like to have more people involved in the committee. Looking forward to more direction from future strategic plan to help guide us forward.
      3. Insurance – The committee, led by Art Smith and Paul Board, was authorized to renew the insurance policy, which they did with Cincinnati Insurance. The other insurance group would have had separate carriers for different insurance coverages whereas Cincinnati Insurance is the carrier for all. Art would like us to consider increasing the coverage so that we could cover the cost of any possible reconstruction should something happen to any of the buildings (Rectory, Dudley House, St. Paul’s). No decision was made tonight about increasing the coverage.
      4. Building and Grounds – No report
      5. Building Use Committee – Wanted to thank Todd Deye for all the work he’s done around the church as a result of this committee’s work. New blinds will be installed in the Parish Hall soon. Committee has been actively meeting with a storage consultant on a few possible projects. The guild room window covering options have been under debate in an attempt to find a way to shield some of the light that is an issue at certain times of the day while still staying authentic to the space. The library is on hold, though a lot of work has gone into organizing it. The committee is looking at outdoor furniture options for under the carport. The committee is not prepared to bring a proposal forward yet, but it will be coming soon. There are also many new preschool regulations that must be posted on the walls and the committee is trying to help organize these in a more visually appealing way.
      6. Strategic Planning – No report
   2. Formation
      1. Christian Education – Are just starting the season now. Six people attended the first adult education class this past Sunday.
      2. Inreach – Cards are now being sent to parishioners for anniversaries. Jonathan Ashton wanted to thank everyone on Inreach for the work they did for his father’s funeral.
      3. Outreach – We are dividing into two subcommittees, direct service and social justice.
   3. Under One Roof – The last few months have been the busiest since the pantry opened. They are struggling to keep it stocked because the shoppers are overwhelmed (though funding is not an issue, just manpower). They are now working with Northwest Ohio Food Bank to purchase food at a lower price and now have four volunteers that are certified food handlers. There are a few new volunteers. Maumee middle school is currently doing a food drive and Boy Scouts will be doing one next month.
   4. Preschool – No report
2. Other Business
   1. Welcoming Statement – Jaimie Deye wanted to have a conversation about who we are and what it means to be a welcoming community. Equality Toledo, a Toledo-based nonprofit, has a section on their website called “Welcoming Places of Worship” where they list faith communities that have gone through a formal process to publicize themselves as welcoming to the LGBTQ+ community. These are churches where people in the pride community can attend services and feel safe and welcomed. Vestry requested Jaimie find out more information about the process required to be added to the list and Jonathan Ashton, Glenous Favata, and Michele Alexander offered to help.

The next regular Vestry meeting will be held on October 17, 2023.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Marty Baker at 8:35 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Jaimie Deye, Clerk for September 2023