

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Vestry Minutes

December 17, 2024

P – Present
Z – Zoom
E – Excused
A - Absent

Jack Robinson P	Gail Burgin P	Mark Christophono P
Jaimie Deye P	Donna Dick P	Glenous Favata P
Bill Fayerweather P	Jennifer Hoelzer Z	Steve McNally P
Tom Mercer P	Deno Music P	Kelly Traeme Z

Minutes taken by Jack Robinson

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

The November 2024 vestry minutes were reviewed, and one correction was suggested.

Motion to accept the December minutes with correction was made by Steve McNally and seconded by Jaimie Deye. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

- I. Rector's Report
 - A. Paul shared the existence of an essay about Harriet Jukes written by Marty Wendler, which Paul sent out to the parish. It details the life of Mrs. Jukes and includes accounts of the lives of her children. It is available also on the parish website under "Harriet Jukes: Her Story".
 - B. Paul urged the passing of his annual housing allowance and briefly explained it.

Motion to pass the housing allowance was made by Jaimie Deye and seconded by Tom Mercer. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

- C. Fire panel: The Maumee Fire Department informed the church that the fire control panel (alarm system) for the church was failing and as a result the church failed its inspection. A new fire control panel box/computer is needed. From Nov 21, the church has 30 days to replace it. However, the department will not enforce this time limit so long as the church seeks to fix the problem. Two quotes have been received, and a third is being sought. It is recommended that we bring it up to code rather than replace the box.
- D. There is a vacancy in the Bookkeeper role, the previous Bookkeeper having tendered her resignation Sunday night. Perhaps 20 contacts responded to an advertisement for the position, all

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of whom desired a full time rather than a part time position as advertised. A candidate of choice has been identified, to whom the job will be offered.

- E. It is the opinion of Father Paul that next year the Christmas Auction and Caroling ought not to be joined, but that the Auction should take place early in the month (first week of December) and the Carolfest taking place later in the month.
- F. Paul expressed his desire that America Cares for Ukrainian Children would come in on a Sunday in January.

A motion to have America Cares for Ukrainian Children visit on a Sunday in January was made by Glenous Favata and seconded by Bill Fayerweather. No further discussion followed. Motion passed.

II. Senior Warden's Report

- A. Dino reported that a parishioner requested a nameplate be put on the frame of paintings of Howard Graham and Malcolm Ward. In addition, the Senior Warden and several members of the Vestry discussed their concerns regarding the lack of appropriate lighting in the parking lot, the existing lighting being deemed insufficient.

III. Junior Warden's Report

- A. A new treasurer has been identified - Ken Robinson.

A motion to accept the resignation of current treasurer Mark Christophono and to approve Ken Robinson as treasurer following the Annual Business Meeting was made by Jaimie Deye and seconded by Donna Dick. The motion was passed with eleven votes in favor and one abstention.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Mark Christophono

- A. Mark noted a decrease in preschool attendance for the second semester of the year (88 out of 128 children, some of whom attend all day and take two spots. Paul noted that because the budget was not yet completed an additional meeting of the finance committee was needed January 2. The vestry will meet on January 21st for the Annual Business Meeting.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Jaimie Deye and seconded by Gail Burgin . No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Vestry
 - i. Communications
 - ii. Stewardship - the committee will resume examining the list of parishioners who have not pledged following the holidays. It was also mentioned that there needs to be a year round plan for stewardship.
 - iii. Insurance - No report.

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iv. Building and Grounds - a vendor who will take down the elm tree and stump out of Paul's yard has been identified. There will also be a walkthrough from the city to examine the bell tower.

v. Building Use Committee - No report.

B. Formation

i. Christian Education - Bible Study on Wednesday nights will resume after the New Year.

ii. Inreach

1. Pastoral Care - no report
2. Welcome - no report
3. Fellowship - no report

iii. Outreach

1. Episcopal Migration Ministries may assign us a new case as our previous assignment was unable to be reached and their listed phone was disconnected. Each individual that comes receives a stipend from the government to help support costs expended during the migration. It was noted the goal is to make the migrants self-sufficient.

C. Under One Roof - the annual Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser for UOR is taking place in February.

D. Preschool – No report

VI. Other Business

The next regular Vestry meeting will be held on Month day, Year.

Motion to adjourn was made by Deno Music at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jack Robinson

, Clerk