

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Vestry Minutes January 21, 2025

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

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| Jack Robinson - A | Gail Burgin - Z | Mark Christophono, Treasurer - Z |
| Jaimie Deye, Clerk - Z | Donna Dick - Z | Glenous Favata - E |
| Bill Fayerweather - Z | Jennifer Hoelzer - Z | Steve McNally, Junior Warden - Z |
| Tom Mercer - Z | Deno Music, Senior Warden- Z | Kelly Trame - Z |

The Rev. Dr. J. Paul Board - Z

Minutes taken by Donna Dick

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

The December 2024 vestry minutes were reviewed, and no corrections were suggested.

Motion to accept the December minutes with no corrections was made by Steve McNally and seconded by Kelly Trame. No further discussion. Passed unanimously.

- I. Rector's Report
 - A. Fire Control/Panel: Have not received final quote on the cost to bring up to code. This capital expenditure is budgeted.
 - B. Bookkeeper position: We have hired Mariia Vozniuk as our new bookkeeper. She started January 1st and will be working 20 hours a week.
 - C. Secretary Hours: Ana Souza was hired as our new secretary approximately 3 months ago. She has been working 20 hours a week, but her hours will increase to 25.
 - D. Folding Machine: The current folding machine which is very old broke down. There is money in the budget to purchase a new one at a cost of \$3395.
- II. Senior Warden's Report
 - A. Deno's term will be up next month, and he voiced his appreciation for the opportunity to serve St. Paul's as the Senior Warden.
- III. Junior Warden's Report
 - A. Steve thanked Deno for his work and said how he enjoyed working with Deno this past year.

Nominating Committee: Steve reported that the Nominations Committee is recommending that Vestry accept the committee's nomination of Katie Burns, Ken Ludwig, Jerry Martz, and Ken Robinson (who will also serve as St. Paul's Treasurer) to serve 3-year Vestry terms beginning in February. Steve also reported that several people he spoke with said they would consider being on vestry in the future, building a "pipeline" of potential Vestry candidates. With Vestry's approval, Steve will contact this year's incoming Vestry class candidates and ask them to submit short bios and photos to be published in the Communicant this Friday, January 24th, in

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accordance with Church policy. Paul will also send them a couple samples bios from other Vestry members, so they have an idea of what to write.

Motion to accept the Nomination Committee's recommendation for Vestry to nominate Katie Burns, Ken Ludwig, Jerry Martz, and Ken Robinson for 3-year terms on Vestry beginning February 2025 was made by Steve McNally. As this motion came out of committee, no second needed. Passed unanimously.

- A. Vestry Retreat: Steve suggested that we have a Vestry retreat in February after the annual meeting, which will be held on February 9th, to orient new Vestry, give a history of the church, review finances, etc. If anyone has other topics they would like to include at the retreat, they can let Steve know.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Mark Christophono

- A. Paul went over the finance report and the 2025 budget. Also, Steve clarified some items in the budget.
- B. Paul and others thanked Mark for his service as being Treasurer for 5 years.

Motion was made by Kelly Trame to approve the budget and it was seconded by Jaimie Deye. Passed unanimously.

V. Committee Reports

A. Vestry

- i. Communications - no report
- ii. Stewardship - There will be a committee meeting soon to put together greater plans to move forward and how we can make use of ACS.
- iii. Insurance – no report
- iv. Building and Grounds:
 - 1. This Saturday January 25th at 7:30 am there is a meeting with a Maumee city representative (city manager Burtch) to look over the church building regarding the sewer problem.
 - 2. Suggestion was made by Jaimie to have 1- or 2-day spring cleaning of church. (looking at kitchen and other areas of the church that need a more thorough cleaning)
 - 3. Lawn Service - Jaimie suggested that we look at the fertilization of the lawn and look at discontinuing the service due to its negative effects that it has on the environment in particular the Maumee River.

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v. Building Use Committee – no report

vi. Strategic Planning - no report

B. Formation

i. Christian Education – no report

ii. In reach – no report

iii. Outreach

1. During the month of January we are accepting donations for America Cares for Ukraine Children (AC4UC).
2. Episcopal Migration Ministries: Most likely with the new presidential administration we will not be getting a refugee family.
3. Fran Board has helped to write the “Migration with Dignity” resolution that was adopted by the Episcopal Church at the 81st General Convention in June 2024.
4. Migration with Dignity Sunday: Jaimie suggested that during Epiphany St. Paul’s church have a Migration with Dignity Sunday to enlighten people about Migration. It was also suggested that there should be activities during coffee hour too.

Motion was made by Jaimie Deye that Vestry support hosting a Migration with Dignity Sunday during Epiphany with Sunday service having a focus on migration and having activities during coffee hour and Kelly Trame seconded it. Passed Unanimously.

C. Under One Roof: 2024 was the strongest year that the UOR has had. There will be a bowl-a-thon in the near future, and this is a big fundraiser for the food pantry.

D. Preschool – No report

VI. Other Business

The next regular Vestry meeting will be held on February 18, 2025.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jaimie at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Dick