

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Present: K. Lewis+, Rector; J. Bryce, G. Crabtree, S. Henderson, J. Irwin, P. Kressler, S Leduc, M. McKee, D. Parks, M. Wawro, S. Boron, Secretary.

Absent: J. Baker, D. Clark, L. Hall

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by K. Lewis+ at 6:30 pm with prayer by K. Lewis+.

Additions to the Agenda under discussion:

- Masks
- Nursery
- M. Hart social justice project progress

S. Leduc moved to accept the additions to the agenda. Support by D. Parks. Motion carried

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes for March 20, 2022 Vestry Meeting
- Treasurer's Report, Handout #1
- Facilities Report, Handout #2

P. Kressler moved to approve the consent agenda. Support by D. Parks. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Donna McNeil, Canterbury MSU

- Slide presentation to support Canterbury MSU and outreach to students.
- Plan to rent a store front property in downtown East Lansing on MAC for student drop in, services and meetings.
- The Board of Canterbury MSU and St. Paul's Mission and Outreach Ministry are supporting the rental with a financial commitment.
- Bishop Perry will need to approve the project pending a financial commitment.

Correspondence & Clergy Report – K. Lewis+

- Holy Week was a great week with good and beautiful services. It was good to be back in person. The music and choir were outstanding.
- L. Farmer-Lewis not able to attend the meeting due to family situations.
- On May 10th at 6 pm K. Lewis will bury in the memorial garden the remains of a number of young men who died from aids and were rejected by their families. Vestry is encouraged to attend the service.
- Neil Gatton remains will be buried in near future.
- A sexton is in the process of being hired. Paper work and back ground checks are good. D'Kwan Guerrero should start in about a week.
- Gratitude and thanks are extended to all who helped with incredible cleaning of the church.
- Laux Construction gave St. Paul's the billboard of the Te Deum window. It could be used as a fund raiser.

- Stop the Gun Violence lobby group met at St. Paul's on April 13. Many clergy were in the 140 attendance including several bishops. There was negative fallout resulting from one of the news media broadcasts. K. Lewis+ received information from a parishioner that St. Paul's is politically involved with 2nd amendment rights. K. Lewis + has responded to their concern in hopes that it will calm them. However we may lose them.
- K. Lewis + stated that it is important for St. Paul's as a church to not be political and take sides on issues.

Discussion Items:

- A Triangulation incident has occurred. Vestry needs to go to K. Lewis+ or one of the wardens when there is a concern or issue rather and not to others in the congregation.
- Asset Mapping Action items – Next steps: Handout #3 – Who is going to do it? Vestry signed up for one of the two projects: Welcome Video and Social justice.
 - Welcome Video – S. Henderson, J. Irwin, J. Bryce, and D. Parks
 - Social Justice – P. Kressler, M. McKee, G. Crabtree, S. LeDuc, and M. Wawro
- Facilities issues: Pipe under floor in basement clogs yearly. The plumber used a camera to examine pipe. The pipe appears to be ok but there is lots of gunk in the pipe that he will clean out.
- Cash flow shortage Handout #4 - J. Irwin, treasurer, reviewed sources of cash as outlined in Handout #4. He estimates there will a short fall of \$50,000 by the end of this year. The vestry discussed which fund to use for a transfer of cash. M. McKee moved to move \$25,000 from Perpetual and \$25,000 from Sheldon Fund. Support by M. Wawro. After discussion this motion was withdrawn by M. McKee and M. Wawro. **J. Irwin moved that the entire Sander Memorial Fund balance be moved to the Perpetual Fund. Support by M. McKee. Motion carried. J. Irwin moved the vestry authorize up to \$50,000 to be withdrawn from the St. Paul's Perpetual fund as needed for cash flow. Support by J. Bryce. Motion carried.**
- Masks - what do we do? Most people are removing their masks at communion. After discussion, K. Lewis+ will survey other churches to determine how they are handling masks and email the vestry.
- Nursery - There was consensus to reopen the nursery. A new nursery attendant is needed as the previous attendant is employed full time.
- M. Hart has prepared a spread sheet of options that are possible for a church to use as a guide indentifying options that can be taken for social justice and advocacy.

Action Items:

- Mission & Outreach Request for restricted funds \$44,000 – **S. Le Duc moved that Mission & Outreach's recommendation to give \$44,000 to be used to finance the first year of rent and utilities for the new Canterbury MSU facility be accepted. Support by M. Wawro. Motion carried.**
- There was discussion that the Vestry support Canterbury MSU for two 2 more years - \$22,000 for second year, and \$11, 000 for the third year. **S. Le Duc moved to use up to \$50,000 from the Sellers Memorial Fund for the second and third years of rent and utilities for Canterbury MSU. Support by M. McKee. Motion carried**

Adjournment & Closing Prayer: Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

The two asset groups met separately following the meeting.

Upcoming events:

- April 24th - First Presbyterian 175th Anniversary Celebration
- May 6th - God in the Movies
- May 16th - Vestry Meeting, Devotions by J. Irwin
- May 18 – June 3 – Karen on vacation
- June 5 - Baptisms

Respectively Submitted by,
Sarah J. Boron, Secretary

Handout #1 – Treasurer's Report

Handout #2 – Facility Ministry Report

Handout #3 – Vestry Retreat – Asset Management Selections

Handout #4 – St. Paul's operating cash status as of March 31, 2022