

ST. PUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Vestry Meeting
August 16., 2022

Present: K. Lewis+ - Rector, L. Farmer-Lewis – Associate Clergy, J. Baker, J. Bryce, D. Clark, G. Crabtree, S. Henderson, P. Kressler, S. LeDuc, M. McKee, D. Parks, M. Wawro, S. Boron – Secretary

Absent: L. Hall, J. Irwin

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by. K. Lewis+ at 6:30pm. Devotions were given by K. Lewis+.

Additions to the agenda:

- Cover expenses of Tim Grimm concert from the Shawver Fund.
- Cover the expenses from Dr. Cooper-White lectures from the Shawver Fund.
- Provide for reception following Claudia Hamlin's memorial from the ECW Fund.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from June 20, 2022 Vestry Meeting
- Treasurer's Report from June 30, 2022 - Handout #1
- Treasurer's Report from July 31, 2022 – Handout #2
- Facilities Report - Handout #3

P. Kressler moved to accept additions to the agenda and the consent agenda. Support by J. Bryce.
Motion carried.

Correspondence & Clergy Report:

- Scared Ground – K. Lewis+ reviewed impact of this program on herself and the participants. Expanded awareness of systemic racism has been a result of this study program. Next steps will conclude the program. One possibility will be having a replacement of Harvest Home with a celebration with indigenous people. A second Scared Ground will begin in 2023.
- Christian Nationalism is being explored with a wide variety of books and materials on the topic. K. Lewis+ is preparing for a series of programs on Christian Nationalism at St. Paul's this fall.
- L. Farmer-Lewis is preparing for the Children's Sabbath. The Diocese has a new youth missionary who has been invited to preach that Sunday.
- Music concerts and the speaker series are being planned.
- Training has taken place for acolytes, sub deacons, and crucifers.
- A wedding and a memorial service are being planned.

Discussion Items:

- Status of Welcome Video and Social Justice groups –
 - D. Parks reported that mid fall at the latest will be the completion interviewing people for the Welcome video. The group is considering a series of videos rather than one long video.
 - G. Crabtree reported that the Social Justice group has met with M. Hart. There has been general discussion about current legislation in Michigan, specific ideas, web sites, and fall elections. Ideas include volunteering to be poll workers. All work needs to be nonpartisan and objective. A summary of all the state wide ballot proposals is being discussed. How to publish a summary is needed. The group needs to find people who can write nonpartisan. Another idea was to provide scholarships to disadvantaged persons. Juvenile justice reform has been discussed.

- Safe Church training status must be completed by all vestry members. If there is a lack of response from the DOM, email details to K. Lewis+.
- St. Paul's Insurance policy has been reviewed. There was a 5% increase. Coverage has been maintained. K. Lewis+ explained the St. Paul's part of the 4 C's parking lot is covered. However, there is no coverage for the corporate entity of the 4 C's parking lot. The three churches need to get a separate policy to cover the corporation and share the cost. With this exception, St. Paul's is adequately covered for many situations.
- 2023 Pledge campaign – L. Farmer-Lewis will coordinate. Volunteers are D. Clark, P. Kressler, and L. Hall.
- Structural Report and next steps – Handout #4 was reviewed by K. Lewis+. The good news is that St. Paul's is in pretty good shape. Bad news is mainly masonry work. #1 priority is the west wall in the organ loft above the organ. There has been two leaks in that area and as a result the west wall is deteriorating. 100 bricks+ need to be removed and replaced. The estimate for this work is coming. #2 priority is the water leak in front stair well in the parish house. The source has not been determined. Both of these repairs may total \$100,000.

Action Items:

- Gutter repair proposal – Sunrise Seamless, LLC – Handout #5 P. Kressler moved to accept the proposal from Sunrise Seamless, LLC for \$2095 to be paid from general maintenance budget. Support by D. Parks. Motion carried.
- S. LeDuc moved the Vestry authorize the Treasurer to transfer up to \$50,000 from the St. Paul's Richard Sellers Fund held in our Ameriprise investment portfolio to our MSUFCU checking account as needed for operating cash. This motion will expire on February 28, 2023 and any funds not transferred may not be moved from the Richards Sellers Fund under this motion after that date. Support by M. Wawro. Motion carried.
- Diocesan Apportionment - Handout #6: M. McKee moved to accept 2023 Diocesan Apportionment of \$36,517. Support by G. Crabtree. Motion carried.
- J. Bryce moved to cover all expenses of Tim Grimm event with the Shawver 2 Fund. Support by G. Crabtree. Motion carried.
- S. Henderson moved to cover all expenses of D. Pamela Cooper-White's lectures including transportation, housing, food and speaker's fee through the Shawver Fund. Support by P. Kressler. Motion carried.
- J. Bryce moved to provide for the reception following Claudia Hamlin's memorial with expenses paid from the ECW fund. Support by d. Parks. Motion carried.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer: Meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:03pm

Respectfully submitted by
Sarah J. Boron, Secretary

Coming Events:

- Canterbury MSU Open House August 20th 11am
- Return to 10:00am worship on September 11th
- Service/golfing/picnic Hawk Hollow September 11th
- Return of Tuesday noon worship service
- September 13th and 20th "What is Christian Nationalism?" class
- Return to Sunday School September 18th
- Next vestry Meeting September 19th
- Devotions: September 19th – J. Bryce; October 17th - Sue LeDuc