

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING
October 17, 2022 – In Person

Present: K. Lewis+ - Rector, J. Bryce, D. Clark, L. Hall, S. Henderson, J. Irwin, P. Kressler, S. Leduc, M. McKee, D. Parks, M. Wawro, S. Boron – Secretary

Absent: J. Baker, G. Crabtree

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by K. Lewis+ at 6:31 pm. Devotions were given by S. LeDuc.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from September 19, 2022 Vestry meeting: P. Kressler moved to accept the September 19, 2022 minutes. Support by L. Hall. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report from September 30, 2022 – Handout #1: J. Irwin reviewed stock market losses to the St. Paul's investment account. The Richard Sellers Fund has been mostly depleted. P. Kressler moved to accept the treasurer's report. Support by D. Clark. Motion carried.
- Facilities report – Handout #2: K. Lewis+ reviewed issues with one of the boilers and the main pump that could mean future replacement in the future. The elevator existing shaft is useable but the elevator has to be replaced at a possible rough estimate at \$90,000. Much appreciation was given to Bob Merriman for his diligent work as Facilities Chair.

Correspondence and clergy report:

- Suspension of Tuesday noon services: No one has attended the noon services.
- This weekend is the annual diocesan convention. This will be a scaled down convention. There are no resolutions, fewer candidates running for positions, and more social opportunities.
- Van Anderson's funeral will be Thursday, October 20 at 6pm.
- A busy schedule for K. Lewis+ continues.

Discussion Items:

- Status of Welcome Video and Social Justice groups:
 - Welcome interviews for videos have started. Others will be scheduled.
 - Social Justice has posted the explanation for the Michigan ballot 3 proposals on St. Paul's electronic sites and has sent a copy to the Diocese of Michigan.
- Safe Church training status: several still need to complete the training. A new link contact for training has been created.
- 2023 Pledge Campaign status: Testimonials have been good and are continuing. The in gathering of pledges will be November 6th.
- Recruit Vestry members for election at January Annual meeting: A list of possible candidates has been developed. The names will be shared with those are going off the vestry for contact. Discussion followed regarding the configuration of available terms.
- Discussion of opportunities for evangelism: K. Lewis+ discussed current declining attendance, facility needs, financial issues and the future.

Action Items:

- Resolution for transfer of funds from Sander to operating budget: \$50,000 was previously authorized to be transferred from the Richard Sellers Fund. To date a total of \$20,000 has been transferred from Sellers. Due to stock market losses, there is no longer \$30,000 in the Sellers Fund. Therefore, funds need to be transferred from the Sanders Fund. **P. Kessler moved the Vestry authorize the Treasurer to transfer up to \$30,000 from the St. Paul's Sander 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 Sander Fund under this motion after that date.

Support by J. Bryce. Motion carried.

- Vestry coffee hour for November 6: The coffee hour is a thank you for pledges. M. Wawro, M. McKee, and D. Parks will organize the coffee hour.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm with prayer by K. Lewis+.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah J. Boron

Upcoming Events

- Book Study of *The Psychology of Christian Nationalism* 10/19, 10/26, 11/2
- All Hallows Eve service & party October 30th
- Dr. Pamela Cooper-White November 11-13th
- Silver Bells November 18th
- Grateful Gathering Dinner November 22nd
- St. Nicholas Sunday December 4th
- Vestry Meeting December 19th