

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2023

Members Present: Richard Barber, Richard Searcy, Carol Canter, Gwen Temple, Ruth Harris, Julie Koch, Doug Merritt, Mother Stephanie Parker

Others Present: Drew Mayberry, Bill Harris

The meeting started at 12:00 p.m. with prayer.

Minutes: Gwen Temple made a motion that was seconded by Richard Searcy to approve the October 15, 2023 Vestry Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.

Ministry Team Reports: Gwen Temple advised that there will be a concert in the chapel on December 6th at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments in the commons following the concert. Julie Koch advised that the Stewardship Celebration Luncheon will be after the combined 9:30 a.m. service on November 19th. It will be catered by Dean Carlton.

Financial Report: Drew Mayberry advised that October was a poor month for income vs. budget. October expenses are below budget, but are greater than the October income. Julie Koch made a motion that was seconded by Richard Barber to accept the October Financial Report. The motion passed. The current fund balances were reviewed. After a discussion of the 2024 Budget, Julie Koch made a motion that was seconded by Richard Barber to add a line item to the 2024 budget for Assistance Ministries in the amount of \$10,000. The motion passed. The budget amount for pledge income is \$255,000 and total income is \$342,100. Richard Barber made a motion that was seconded by Julie Koch for provisional approval of the revised 2024 Budget. The motion passed. A copy of the new 2024 Budget will be sent out next week for approval by an email vote. The lack of funding for the Step Ahead program was discussed. Ruth Harris made a motion that was seconded by Richard Barber for Step Ahead to not issue any more new grants in 2023 and that the outstanding grants as of now will be covered. The motion passed.

Mother Stephanie attended the Diocesan Convention this week.

The meeting ended at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Harris

Clerk of the Vestry