

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2023

Members Present: Richard Searcy, Carol Canter, Joe Fesperman, Ruth Harris, Julie Koch, Doug Merritt, Mother Stephanie Parker

Others Present: Drew Mayberry, Bill Harris

The meeting started at 10:59 a.m. with prayer.

Minutes: Julie Koch made a motion that was seconded by Joe Fesperman to approve the September 17, 2023 Vestry Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.

Financial Report: Drew Mayberry advised that September was a big month with income of \$39,755.58 vs the budget of \$14,002.51. Income YTD thru September is \$227,923.24 vs the budget of \$240,687.47. Expenses for the month of September were higher than budget and expenses YTD thru September are slightly below budget. Income minus expenses for September was a negative \$1,989.15. Drew hopes to have the 1st draft of the 2024 budget for the November vestry meeting. Joe Fesperman made a motion that was seconded by Carol Canter to accept the September Financial Report. The motion passed.

The 2024 Clergy Housing Allowance Resolution for Mother Stephanie was approved by the vestry. The resolution reads as follows" Whereas the Rev. Stephanie E. Parker is employed as a minister of the Gospel by St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Wilkesboro, NC, which does not provide a residence for her, the vestry resolves that of the total compensation to be paid to the Rev. Stephanie E. Parker during the period of January 1st thru December 31st, 2024 that \$65,000 be designated a housing allowance within the meaning on that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986.

Ministry Team Reports: Julie Koch advised that the stewardship letter will be going out. Time and Talent are being added. A celebration of this will be the 3rd Sunday of November. The Community Engagement Team advised that the summer outdoor labyrinth series was a great success. Other programs are planned for the remainder of the year. The brick project is done and a future celebration will be planned. There will be two Christmas Eve services and no Sunday service on Christmas Day. The vestry agreed to continue discussions on the Parlier house.

The meeting ended at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Harris

Clerk of the Vestry