

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2021

Members Present: Doug Merritt, Ramona Curtis, Mark Williams, Richard Barber, Richard Searcy, Carol Canter, Joe Fesperman, Gwen Temple, Mother Stephanie Parker

Others Present: John Harwell, Bill Harris

The meeting started at 12:10 p.m. with scripture read by Mother Stephanie that was then discussed.

Meeting Minutes: Richard Searcy made a motion that was seconded by Ramona Curtis to approve the August 29, 2021 Vestry Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.

Financial Report: John Harwell advised that St. Paul's received an anonymous gift of \$20,000 during the month of August. Pledge income of \$8,580 was below budget for August. Expenses for August were in line with budget. Total income exceeded total expenses by \$31,525.36 for August. The investment fund balance increased about \$27,000 in August. The Strickland Fund balance decreased by \$3,000 as an outreach grant was awarded. Ramona Curtis made a motion that was seconded by Richard Barber to accept the August 2021 financial report. The motion passed. St. Paul's is fortunate to receive such gifts. There is great responsibility of how we use the resources that we have. Updated statements of pledges received YTD are being sent out to the parish.

Stewardship: Carol Canter, Doug Merritt and Mark Williams will be the stewardship team and work with Mother Stephanie. A time will be scheduled for their first meeting.

Jr. Warden: Joe Fesperman advised that parish office renovation plans are being gathered and reviewed. The best scenario seems to be to move the office to the basement beneath the sanctuary. Blue prints and estimates would be needed. Hosting Afghan refugees is still being looked at.

Rector: To help Mother Stephanie relocate to be closer to our parish, the vestry approved by email vote on September 7, 2021 to offer to make a loan and pay her current mortgage at a rate of \$1500 a month until she sells her current property if she purchases a new property before selling her current property. Upon the sale of the current property, Mother Stephanie will repay all mortgage payments to St. Paul's. This would help with buying a new property prior to the current property selling.

The meeting closed at 2:23 p.m. with prayer.