

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2022

**Members Present:** Ramona Curtis, Mark Williams, Richard Barber, Richard Searcy, Carol Canter, Joe Fesperman, Mother Stephanie Parker

**Others Present:** John Harwell, Bill Harris

The meeting started at 11:03 a.m. with a scripture reading and discussion followed by The Lord's Prayer.

**Meeting Minutes:** Joe Fesperman made a motion that was seconded by Ramona Curtis to approve the November 27, 2022 Vestry Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.

**Financial Report:** John Harwell advised that income for the month of November was \$32,152.70 and was above the budget of \$17,053.15. This included a stock gift that was received. Expenses for the month were inline. Crisis Assistance Ministry received a gift of \$32,000 and Step Ahead received a gift of \$10,000 during the month. Having a deficit, Joe Fesperman made a motion that was seconded by Carol Canter to transfer \$435 to the Flower Fund. The motion passed. After a discussion, Ramona Curtis made a motion that was seconded by Mark Williams to transfer the \$2214.00 balance in the Deacon's Discretionary Fund to the Crisis Assistance Ministry with \$1000 to be used for transportation. The motion passed. This was due to Deacon Susan's retirement. Mark Williams made a motion that was seconded by Carol Canter to accept the November Financial Report. The motion passed.

**Rector's Report:** Mother Stephanie advised that there will be one service at 9:30 on 1/1 and one service at 9:30 on 1/8 for the Bishop's visit with a reception to follow the service. There will be two services at the regular times on 1/15 and one service at 9:30 on 1/22 followed by the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be streamed live if possible. There will be two services at the regular times on 1/29. There are 30 to 40 that watch the service every week and contributions are received.

**By Laws/Vestry Retreat:** The By Laws were discussed. Joe Fesperman made a motion that was seconded by Ramona Curtis to remove the 2021 temporary revision to the electoral procedure. The motion passed. Also, the term committee is being updated to ministry team. A copy of the updated By Laws is attached. New vestry members will serve a three year term. Mark Williams is working on the vestry retreat.

**Jr. Warden:** Joe Fesperman advised that the office renovation construction is progressing slowly. Weather permitting; construction on the entrance ramp should start shortly.

The meeting closed at 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Harris

Clerk of the Vestry

