

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2023

Vestry Present: Penny Bailey, Clare Childs, Pam Griffin, Joe Ley, James Little, Bill Murdoch, Katelyn Printz, Alan Ragsdale, Becky Schamore, Susan Stevenson, Suzanne Young.

Vestry Absent: none.

Others Attending: Todd Dougan (Clerk), Johnny Tuttle (Rector).

A regular meeting of St. Paul's Vestry was held March 19, 2023 and called to order at noon by Johnny Tuttle, Rector. Alan Ragsdale began the meeting with a formation discussion.

I. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the February financial statements, the February 19, 2023 minutes, approval of the final payment for the organ rail, and the annual adoption of the Safeguarding God's Children resolution. The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Joe Ley, duly seconded, and following discussion of an expense reimbursement question and the resolution, as detailed below, unanimously approved. The resolution is:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kingsport, at its duly scheduled Vestry meeting on March 19, 2023 hereby adopts the Diocese of East Tennessee's Policies and Procedures Manual for Dealing with Sexual Misconduct for St. Paul's Episcopal Church. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above mentioned Vestry agrees to cooperate in any Response Team or Standing Committee investigation and to carry out any disciplinary action recommended by the Diocese with respect to its lay employees and volunteers as requested in Section VI, A, of the Manual.

II. Information

Johnny Tuttle noted the following:

1. The Lenten Book Study and Soup Supper series continues.
2. The Vestry retreat will be April 21 and 22 at St. Christopher's.
3. The Holy Week schedule was published in the bulletin.
4. There will be a Can't Drag Us Down event at ETSU on March 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
5. There will be a lecture titled "Joking about God: Humor, Civil Discourse, and Religion in the Age of Jackson" by Dr. Adam Jortner at ETSU on March 28 at 7:00 p.m.
6. There will be a beer bottling and brewing event in Berndt Hall on March 26 following coffee hour.

III. Discussion

Johnny Tuttle introduced discussion of the following:

1. The Rector's Discretionary Fund is low and ways to replenish it were discussed, including a note to the congregation and restarting the passing of the offering bags during the Sunday service on April 16.
2. Kathy Richards recommends that the Eastman Credit Union bank account for the Food Pantry be closed and the balance transferred to the church's main bank account. The accounting for the Food Pantry will not change and its fund balance on the balance sheet will remain. The closure of the Food Pantry bank account and transfer of the balance to the church's main bank account was approved on a motion by Bill Murdoch, duly seconded, and unanimously approved.
3. James Little needs to be added as an authorized signer on the Eastman Credit Union bank accounts in his role as Treasurer. This was approved on a motion by Bill Murdoch, duly seconded, and approved with 10 ayes and 1 abstention.
4. Alternatives to the current formation, fellowship and worship activities were discussed.
5. The process for altar flowers was discussed and James Little will follow up.
6. The consensus was to hold the April Vestry meeting during the retreat on April 22.
7. Sandra Little is updating the website and it is much appreciated.

IV. Dismissal

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Todd Dougan, Vestry Clerk