

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**June 19, 2022**

Vestry Present: Penny Bailey, John Bellamy, James Little, Peter Platzer, Katelyn Printz, Alan Ragsdale, Becky Schamore, Susan Stevenson.

Vestry Absent: Luke Carter, Brianne Clifton, Joe Ley, Matt Smith.

Others Attending: Johnny Tuttle (Rector).

A regular meeting of St. Paul's Vestry was held June 19, 2022 and called to order at 11:50 a.m. by Johnny Tuttle, Rector. Johnny began the meeting with a formation discussion.

I. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the May financial statements and the May 15, 2022 minutes. The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Alan Ragsdale, duly seconded, and unanimously approved.

II. Information

1. Johnny Tuttle noted the following:
  - a) Described supporting local businesses and communicating this to the parish and to the local businesses.
  - b) Possible project for Daughters of the King making Anglican prayer beads.
  - c) Possibly buying a block of tickets for the parish for a Kingsport Axmen baseball game.
  - d) Potential of asking the parish to help clean up Borden Park.
  - e) The Bishop plans to visit January 22, 2023 and Johnny expects that some one will go through confirmation classes this fall and be ready for confirmation on that date.
  - f) He has continuing education July 17 to 19 and vacation July 22 to 30.
  - g) The Morrow estate left a bequest of \$25,000 and the Bill and Nancy Gideon estate made a gift of \$12,500 to St. Paul's.
  - h) Greg Lacey received two bids for the organ rail project, one at \$4,600 and the other at \$15,000. Alan Ragsdale will talk with Greg and Johnny to clarify the scope of work and a plan for the work.
  - i) The Day School kitchen cabinet project revealed problems with a prior rodent infestation and incorrect installation of the current cabinets, both of which will require additional work prior to the installation of the new cabinets. The Day School is using the Berndt Hall kitchen in the meantime.
2. John Bellamy advised that we should begin to plan a farewell reception for the Jamesons in July or early August. Johnny will use the liturgy that was used for the Mills. John will ask Adair Murdoch to lead the process.

### III. Discussion

1. Johnny Tuttle would like to have the parish involved with either the Day School open house on July 31 or the first day of class on August 1 to re-establish and emphasize the connection between the parish and the Day School. The consensus was to order tee shirts for the parish to wear and Johnny will speak with Anne McGinty and Melanie Beach about the tee shirts and arrangements.
2. Johnny reported that Paige Kramer requested that the Vestry select the beneficiaries of the Bazaar in July so that signage for the Bazaar can be created. After discussion, the potential beneficiaries are: Cap the Gap, Kingsport Family Resource Center, Girls, Inc., Osman Hope, KCMC, and the EYC pilgrimage.
3. Johnny noted that we have two people in discernment for the clergy and that he will need to notify the Diocese what St. Paul's will do to support the candidates. The expectation is a stipend of \$100 per month while the person is in seminary, which can be for 3 years and may not start until 2024. Given the uncertain timing, Johnny suggested creating a fund for this now. One potential source for the fund is to use part of the library fund (which is over \$9,000) which is designated for books and education, and the support of a person in seminary is education. A motion to create a fund called the "Morrow Fund for Clergy Formation and Care" which would be used to support the potential seminarians, clergy sabbaticals and other care and support needs was made by John Bellamy and duly seconded. Discussion was the name of the fund is to honor the gift from the Morrow estate and Millie Morrow's ordination and the amount of the fund is to be determined later. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

### IV. Dismissal

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Todd Dougan, Vestry Clerk