

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2023

Vestry Present: Penny Bailey, Pam Griffin, Joe Ley, James Little, Bill Murdoch, Katelyn Printz (left at 12:17 p.m.), Alan Ragsdale, Becky Schamore, Susan Stevenson, Suzanne Young.

Vestry Absent: Clare Childs.

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

A regular meeting of St. Paul's Vestry was held September 17, 2023 and called to order at 11:55 a.m. by Johnny Tuttle, Rector. James Little began the meeting with a formation discussion.

I. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the August financial statements, the July 26 and August 20 minutes, and the Junior Warden report. The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Susan Stevenson, duly seconded, and unanimously approved.

II. Information

Johnny Tuttle noted the following:

1. The Tri-Pride event will be September 23 in Johnson City.
2. There will be a prayer book class on September 30.
3. The blessing of the pets will be October 8.
4. Confirmation classes will begin on October 11.
5. (Personnel matter redacted from the minutes)
6. The Food Pantry was awarded a grant of equipment through the Food Insecurity Grant program. Chris Harpster distributed a listing of the equipment and noted that the items that St. Paul's plans to get add up to \$117,256.

III. Discussion

Johnny Tuttle introduced discussion of the following:

1. Johnny requested that he, Chris Harpster and Clare Childs be authorized to determine and execute matters pertaining to the above grant. A motion to authorize Johnny Tuttle, Chris Harpster and Clare Childs to determine and execute matters pertaining to the above grant, excluding those matters concerning the exterior and grounds of St. Paul's (which authority is retained by the Vestry), was approved on a motion by Alan Ragsdale, duly seconded, and unanimously approved.
2. Ben Barton is no longer chair of the Finance Committee and therefore he needs to be removed as a signer and James Little needs to be added. A motion to remove

Ben Barton as a signer on the Eastman Credit Union and Schwab accounts and to add James Little as a signer on the Eastman Credit Union and Schwab accounts was approved on a motion by Alan Ragsdale, duly seconded and unanimously approved.

3. Alternatives for 24 hour a day phone contact by the various service providers (fire alarm, fire sprinklers, elevator, fire marshal) were discussed. Todd Dougan will survey some local churches as to how they handle this and report the results to Johnny, Alan and Bill.
4. Church access options were discussed.

IV. Dismissal

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Todd Dougan, Vestry Clerk