

**Minutes**  
**Vestry Meeting,**  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
**August 18, 2019**

Present: Mother Barbara, Marv Kombrink; Senior Warden, Maureen Gerrity; Junior Warden, Pat Brown; Treasurer, Donna de Oliveira, Terry Dickow, Lorraine Langer; Guest, Rebecca Smith, Clerk.

Opening Prayer was offered by Mother Barbara  
"Gratitudes" (Vestry members)

Approval of June's meeting minutes; *motion made by Maureen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marv*

Approval of Financial Report; *motion made by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marv*

Consent Items

Music Ministries Communications Tech Report (see attached)

Rector's Report (see attached)

Fellowship Committee Report Picnic

**New and Carried Over Business**

- Listening Sessions re: Bishop Search, Laity; September 7<sup>th</sup>, St. Peter's, Sycamore 1 PM
- Facilities Usage Policy Revision  
Goal is to update church Policies and Procedures. Donna will get sample contracts.
- Buildings and Grounds Issues  
Replacing all lightbulbs outside and replacement of missing globe will be coordinated by Marv.  
Marv will procure weed-burner as alternative to using Roundup. Cost will be less than \$200.00.  
Hire professionals to do shrub and tree trimming.

Pond sodding funding (see attached)

Approval of \$1320.00 for landscaping around pond; *Motion made by Terry, 2nd by Donna.*

- Food Pantry update- as part of outreach ministry to NIU community  
Mother Barbara has met with community members as part of research for grant writing. Grant funding requires food pantry to be assessable; discussion of using conference room and choir room for food pantry ensued.

- Vestry meetings move to Parish Hall  
We will hold September Vestry Meeting in Parish Hall as experiment. Conference room feels too crowded and provide opportunity for parishioners to see Vestry at work.
- Increase Number of Vestry Members- Tabled.  
Time to find replacements for open vestry spots for 2020.
- Children’s Education: The “Sunday Paper” resource sample was shared. This will be part of Children’s weekly education.
- Adult Formation – Book Studies w/video presentations:  
September 8 “The Bible Tells Me So,” by Peter Enns for 5 weeks  
October 20: book study, “Active Life: A Spirituality of Work, Creativity and Caring” by Parker J. Palmer  
Lent: February 26 “God Can’t: How to Believe in God and Love after Tragedy, Abuse, and Other Evils--video, book study.  
Advent: open
- October 6: Blessing of the Animals and Children’s Eucharist  
Will be outdoors and open to the community as part of 10:30 worship service.
- September 8<sup>th</sup> coffee hour will be Ice Cream Social to celebrate beginning of the Programming Year, coordinated by Maureen. All in favor.
- St. Paul’s will donate \$250 to the Episcopal Divinity School at Union (presented by Pat, all in favor)
- Closing Prayer and motion to Adjourn at 2:15pm, made by Maureen.

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Smith, Clerk