

Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2019
The Episcopal Church of St. Paul, DeKalb

Opening Prayer and Gratitude

Opening Prayer was offered by Donna

Consent Items:

- Approval of March meeting minutes
- Date set for Parish picnic: 08/25? (Coordinate with music, hospitality folks?)
- Finance Report
- Choir and Music Director Report
- Senior Warden's Report

Rector's Report:

- Holy Week and Easter celebrations liturgical prep, sermons
- Prep and planning for Celebration of Renewed Ministry w/Diocese, staff
- Chrism Mass at St. James Commons
- Several visits/calls for pastoral care for Averil Schrieber and her family, funeral planning
 - o Also, Henry and Donetta Leonard, Puzs George
- Pastoral Care/mental health intervention with member of local community; periodically intense over 4 days, culminating in Police intervention with his family in our parking lot. *We need to address security issues during (with police?)*
- Celebration of Holy Eucharist in Oak Crest chapel
- Weekly staff meetings
- 2x Weekly Lenten study and completion
- Weekly Friday noon offering of Mindfulness Meditation (usually 2 people): Quit for summer
- 2x 2-3-hour long liturgy planning meetings with Lorraine Langer re Holy Week and Easter; Celebration New Ministry
- Dinner with two parishioners at the Rectory (food cost covered by Lynne and me personally)
- Three 1 hour plus Executive Committee meetings and prep
- Rainbow flag purchased and displayed
- Enter financial info into Parochial Report and filed with Diocese
- Funerals—Joan Graham, Averil Schrieber x2

New and Ongoing Business:

- Rick Johns re Treasurer role/Pat?
- Jocelyn: Grace Place request/Food Pantry?
A motion made by Donna and seconded by Marv was passed, to explore needs for a food pantry at St Paul's. Mother Barbara will do grant proposal and coordinate with other churches.
- Realm tutorial date?
6/15 or after the month of June when Pam Kombrink would be available. Purpose to get more parishioners involved in using Realm.
- Sound system
Tabled.
- Family Movie nights/summer noon movies?
Could a "Hospitality Committee" formed by Mother Barbara host the movies?
- Marv: times of services sign estimates
*Marv presented estimate for additions to out sign near the road (service times).
A motion made by Donna and seconded by Terry was made to go forward, removing the word "spoken" passed.*
- Parish Picnic date of August 25th?
Tabled.
- Vestry retreat—new plan: College for Congregational Development (CCD) will send instructor to lead—need dates to offer them generated at this meeting
Mother Barbara will check on availability of instructors to determine dates.
- Repairs on rectory ongoing—cupboard doors falling off (Marv, Rhys) screens (Rhys), broken water pipe gushing into the basement (Rick, Rhys and Jocelyn), backyard faucet not working, doorbell repaired.
Need to add C & H Plumbing to registry of vendors.
- Pond update (JJ Marshall Landscaping): \$4,940 installation, plus electrician and water spigot installation. *\$2000.00 additional landscaping.*

A motion made by Mother Barbara and 2nd by Pat for church to pay ½ and Lynn and Mother Barbara to pay ½ of these costs.

- Lobster Boil: Feedback?
It was agreed upon that we should ask for feedback (soon) from parish regarding what went well and how we may improve for next year (via e-mail or hard copy)?
- Anything else necessary for today's meeting?
*Mother Barbara will determine date for Blessing of the Backpacks.
Donna will check on school supplies needed.*

Closing Prayer was offered by Mother Barbara

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Smith, Clerk