

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
June 17, 2012

Members Present: Rev. Stacy Walker-Frontjes, Rector; Mike Duffy, Senior Warden; David Anderson, Junior Warden; Gretchen Schlabach; Luke Krueger; Freyja Rasmussen-Johns

Members Absent: Pat Brown, Treasurer (excused); Bill Cummings (excused)

Guests: Lorraine Langer, Director of Music Ministries; Joseph Butler, Pastoral Intern

The meeting came to order at 12:05 p.m.. Opening prayer was led by Rev. Stacy.

Appreciations:

1. To Dave Anderson for his hard work on the Building and Grounds Committee;
2. For all who helped plant the garden;
3. For all our fathers and for Stacy's prayer for fathers;
4. For Joseph's sermon today;
5. To Andrew Voelker for playing the organ and piano today;
6. For Eva Leonard's work over the past decades; she's an appreciated fixture.

Today's scripture, Mark 4:26-34 was read and discussed.

Dave made a motion, seconded by Luke, to approve the minutes of the May Vestry meeting.

Senior Warden's Report:

Mike sent the following by e-mail:

"I am continuing work on the Diocesan-mandated energy audit. I am entering data for energy benchmarking. Also, Gretchen, Luke, and I are continuing to work on proposing revisions to the bylaws."

Mike also stated that he is almost finished entering data for the energy report, but still needs a bit more information.

Junior Warden's Report:

Dave sent the following by e-mail:

"Mulch

More mulch was ordered and delivered for use on the rectory grounds from Askeland Tree Service.

Pew Repair

The damaged pews (5) will be sanded and restained by K & J Decorating/Ken Kline. He previously did work in the rectory. Total cost will be \$1600, covered by insurance.

Carpets and Floors

I am meeting with Ecosteam this week on Thursday to get an estimate on carpet and floor cleaning.

Front Entrance Window Trim

The trim around the large window and doors at the main entrance (west) was covered in aluminum by Flores Construction for \$200 and should now be maintenance free. "

Dave stated that he met with Ecosteam on Wednesday and they will do the sanctuary free. They may also do the rectory. The ceiling in the sanctuary is more complex – the area over the pulpit is weak. Flores Construction will do the entire ceiling and the walls. Insurance would cover tearing out all the walls, but we won't be doing that as it isn't necessary.

Treasurer's Report:

No treasurer's report this month due to Pat's absence. We will discuss the May and June financial reports next month.

Outreach & Mission:

There will be a Love INC fundraiser on July 24th at Culver's. We will get 10% of the proceeds.

Fellowship: No report

Music Ministries:

Lorraine sent the following by e-mail:

"The Adult/Youth & Children's Choirs are on summer break for June, July and part of August.

Several (five) members of our choir, will be participating in the combined service celebrating Ss. Peter and Paul, on June 28. Additionally, nine choir members and musicians will be participating in the Parish Picnic on Sunday, July 29th.

Kathleen Johnson and I had a good annual breakfast meeting to debrief and share thoughts on the upcoming year. "

Lorraine also thanked Kathleen for being flexible and supportive. Also thanks to Andrew for substituting today.

Rector's Report:

Rev. Stacy sent the following by e-mail:

"RECTOR'S REPORT

I. Pastoral Care

- a. I visited Norma Fitzgerald in the past month.

- b. I have also visited Gail Piper twice in the past two weeks at Central Dupage Hospital in Winfield and have been in contact with her husband Lonnie by phone as well.

II. Liturgy

- a. Plant the Garden Sunday on Pentecost Sunday (also Memorial Day weekend) went quite well. The whole garden was planted in about 30 minutes after we prayed for God's grace, abundance, and also for rain to fall on our parched gardens and the surrounding farm fields as well.
- b. I have also been planning the Ss. Peter and Paul liturgy and other arrangements for that celebration and visitation by Bishop Lee. Ss. Peter and Paul is Thursday, June 28th at 6PM at St. Peter's, Sycamore. We will have four adult confirmands presented from St. Paul's, and one child receiving his first communion from Bishop Lee.
- c. I plan to have a date set to practice music for the July 29th Parish Picnic liturgy before I leave on vacation on July 2nd. I will also be contacting the Salvation Army to see when they are distributing school supplies to coordinate that with our school supplies drive and Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday liturgy to take place sometime in August.

III. Christian Education

- a. Sunday School will resume the Sunday after Labor Day (September 9).
- b. Children and Youth Education—Summer plans
 - 1. I have been working with our Sunday School staff and Vicki Garvey, Bishop's Associate for Christian Formation, to set a date for a Godly Play training workshop at St. Paul's sometime in August or early fall. We would invite local congregations as well to participate.
- c. I also plan to connect this summer with regular attendees of our Adult Sunday School to team teach this class with me in 2012/2013.

IV. Administration

- a. Nursery
 - 1. As Alicia Dailey will be leaving sometime this summer to move to a residential university degree program, I will be looking more intently for a new nursery worker in the weeks to come.
- b. Endowment Fund
 - 1. I have arranged for a consultant from the Episcopal Church Foundation, Terri Mathes, to meet with the Endowment Fund committee on Friday, August 24, 2012 from 9AM-11AM at St. Paul's.
 - 2. Mrs. Mathes is under contract with the Diocese of Chicago to advise on the capital campaign for the plaza renovations at St. James Commons. She is also available at no additional charge to consult with congregations within the diocese.
- c. We will be hosting Joseph Butler as an intern in June 2012 at St. Paul's
 - 1. I have spoken to Joseph about his goals. Besides learning what a parish priest does on a day to day basis, Joseph also requested the opportunity to lead a children's

chapel (June 24) and to preach (June 17). Joseph will be with us June 10th through June 28th.

V. Mission and Community Activities

1. Tuesday May 29th I attended the DeKalb city council meeting to speak in support of a special use permit for the building of a new mosque at the Islamic Society at NIU (801 Normal Rd.) Several members of St. Paul's, including vestry member, Luke Krueger also attended this meeting in support of our friends at ISNIU.
2. I also was invited to have my photo taken with the members of ISNIU for a story in USA Today which was published on Monday, May 28th, 2012. A link to this article is on our Facebook page as well as in the June/July issue of the Mars Hill Proclaimer.
3. May 31st I met with Mr. Bill Nicklas, Associate Vice President of Institutional Planning and Sustainability at NIU. We talked about safety in our neighborhood and I offered my support as a local pastor as well as the support of St. Paul's to do what we can to be a good neighbor to NIU and the students and other residents in our neighborhood.
4. I had a similar conversation with the new Chief of Police, Gene Lowery, on June 11th.
5. The Program Support Committee of Grace Place Campus Ministry met on May 29th (before the city council meeting same night). I am actively involved with other members of this committee in recruiting a program director for the fall semester as well as lining up worship leaders from area churches (pastors) for the fall semester until a long term campus pastor is called to start in the Spring 2013 semester. I also attended the full board meeting on June 11th. And will attend another Program Committee meeting on June 25th.
6. I also attended the board meeting of Love Inc. on Thursday, June 14th, 2012. This meeting was hosted at St. Paul's for the first time.

VI. Other

1. My summer vacation plans are to be gone July 1st thru July 20th. The Rev. Judy Hipple of Rockford will be our guest priest on July 8th and July 15th. Rev. Judy plans to attend services on June 24th to have a chance to visit with me about the particulars of Sunday morning at St. Paul's before serving as our guest priest.
2. St. Paul's will again be hosting the Rockford Deanery Clericus meeting with Bishop Lee as our guest on Thursday afternoon, June 28, 2012 from 2-4PM in the parish hall.
3. **I will be looking for at least one member of the Vestry to accompany at least one member from the Endowment Fund, and perhaps myself as well to a Planned Giving workshop on Saturday, September 15, 2012. This will be led by the Episcopal Church Foundation for congregations in the Diocese of Chicago at St. James the Less, Northfield. More details tba. "**

Rev. Stacy said that there will be a Stewardship/planned giving meeting on September 15th. Also the Health Care Task Force will have a meeting for the Rockford Deanery on Thursday, August 23rd at White Pines. She encouraged the wardens, clergy and paid employees to attend.

Old Business:

Mission Statement: Several thoughts and ideas were put forth. Following are some ideas that were presented:

- Making good work with Christ, Sunday and every day.
- We are a welcoming, caring congregation who seek to carry out God's mission for us, both in our church and our community.
- Growing relationships with God and each other.
- Finding a home with Christ.
- Christian companions in Christ making good work.
- Growing together in faith; Seeking a home in God; Welcoming neighbors.

It was decided to start working with this: "Growing together in faith, welcoming our neighbors, seeking a home in God."

Homework:

- Start working on what a Vision statement might look like.
- Make an appointment with someone to discuss what we came up with.

New Business:

Read the handouts regarding civil unions. Plan to discuss next month.

Luke read a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Freyja Rasmussen-Johns, Vestry Clerk