

Minutes of the Vestry
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Windham, CT
22 March 2020

Present: Lynne Ide, Donovan Reinwald, Jim Russel, Rebecca Stearns, Marian Brazziel, Sue Marston, George Younger, Pam Abel
Meeting called to order by Lynne Ide at 9:50 AM

Wardens Report

L. Ide announced that Sue Marston, clerk, will be leaving St. Paul's Church in May. Lynne stated that Pam Abel was interested in taking over the clerk position.
G. Younger nominated Pam Abel for the clerk position at St. Paul's Church. Marian Brazziel seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.
L. Ide inquired about the continuation of AA meetings held in the parish hall on Tuesday nights. She will contact an AA member to explain the Covid-19 protocols regarding safety and cleaning after a meeting.
L. Ide will issue a written announcement regarding an indefinite closure of the church and parish hall beginning on March 22, 2020.
D. Reinwald will draft an announcement for the parish pursuant with Bishop Ian and Governor Lamont's order to stay closed for thirty days.
L. Ide thanked Deb Russel for checking on parish members.

Treasurer Report

M. Brazziel asked if Jackie Marceau, church sexton would be paid while church is not in session.
J. Russel made a motion to continue paying employees while church is not in session. This includes: Elizabeth Austin the organist, Janice McKusick, the secretary and Jackie Marceau, the sexton. Donovan Reinwald seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.
L. Ide made a motion to pay Dana Kessler two hundred-fifty dollars for publishing the daily parish communications and devotions. Jim Russel seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.
M. Brazziel will send an appreciation card with a check to Dana. Marian will inform Elizabeth and Janice that they will be paid in full for the remainder of the year.
M. Brazziel explained that pledges are up to date, with some pledges prepaid for the year. A grant from the diocese is available if needed.

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Mission and Outreach

R. Stearns reported that the First Baptist Church meals will continue to be prepared. Individual groups that prepare meals would decide how to handle their mission. The Covenant Soup Kitchen continues to provide meals and pantry necessities for patrons. The soup kitchen is adhering to safety protocols during the pandemic. Clients are staggered for entry and given a time allotment to complete their pick up of meals and/or food pantry selections.

St. Paul's in Transition

L. Ide stated that several individuals have come forward to offer outreach support for St. Paul's Church. Rev. Gary Sturni has offered pastoral care and Rev. Ben Brockman has offered to do pastoral visits when appropriate during the pandemic. Rev. Virginia Army has offered daily devotions through email. L. Ide spoke with Susan Cormier, Ebenezer Lutheran Church Councilwoman, regarding a continued interest in pursuing a partnership with St. Paul's Church. Susan Cormier apologized for not communicating the cancellation of Ash Wednesday's service.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Abel
Clerk