

**Minutes of the Vestry**  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Windham, CT**  
**19 August 2021**

Present: Fr. Brian Blayer, Lynne Ide, Donovan Reinwald, Wayne Haeger, Jim Russel, Rebecca Stearns, Pam Abel

Absent: Marian Brazziel

Meeting called to order by Lynne Ide at 6:55 PM. Fr. Brian opened with a prayer.

**Report from Fr. Brian**

- Fr. Brian will meet with Bishop Laura on September 10, 2021 to discuss her upcoming visitation on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Sunday service with Bishop Laura will take place in the Memorial Garden or on Zoom if inclement weather.
- Persons interested in becoming confirmed, received or baptized need to inform Fr. Brian as soon as possible.
- Florence Selleck's brother, Sterling, died on August 18, 2021, and a committal was held September 2, 2021 at 10:00 at the cemetery.
- Scheduled funeral for Ron Malone on September 18, 2021, at St. Paul's Church.
- Fr. Brian attended a "Meet the Vicar" luncheon with members from the parish.
- Fr. Brian is on a week-long vacation beginning August 22, 2021.
- Fr. Ben Brockman will substitute for Fr. Brian on the third Sunday in November 2021.

**Report from Wardens L. Ide and D. Reinwald**

- Donovan worked on the parish website with R. Stearns.
- Lynne reported that Fr. Dave Carter will be the officiant on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in September and October and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in November and December.
- M. Beausoleil is recording the different requirements for the eucharistic service from each minister to share with the altar guild.

**Mission and Outreach from R. Stearns**

- A new WAIM delegate is needed due to M. Sewall's retirement.
- The Steeple Chase fundraiser is scheduled for August 21, 2021.
- The First Baptist Church community dinner funds may change due to attendance and a change in food preparation.
- Four hundred people from Afghanistan are to be placed in Connecticut and help is needed for tutoring ESL, job placements, housing, child care, transportation, faith worship and medical needs.
- The Willimantic synagogue is organizing a protest against fracking in Killingly, CT.
- The Interfaith Covid-19 Memorial is on hold.

### **Report regarding Property presented by W. Haeger and J. Russel**

- LED lights for the parish room to include sixteen fixtures with mounts will cost \$3,700 total. J. Russel will get a second quote.
- Stone wall repair to be discussed with the new neighbors regarding cost for jointly owned property.
- Church sexton will be asked to clean church window sills.
- Painter will give a quote for painting the parish room ceiling.
- Crushed stone will be placed on the memorial Garden pathway.

### **Treasurer's Report Presented by Marian Brazziel**

- A detailed balance sheet was presented. It is attached for review.

### **Discussion/Working Items**

- Meetings with the vicar on Thursday or 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month will continue.
- Fr. Brian will distribute informational fliers at colleges for the purpose of hiring two students to teach musical instruments.
- Reviewed Parish Hall Usage Form and added information. Donovan will update the form.
- Vestry is to complete homework in preparation for Bishop Laura's visit on September 19, 2021.

Next vestry meeting on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the parish hall.

Closed with prayer from Fr. Brian

Adjournment at 8:31PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela D. Abel

Clerk