

Minutes of the Vestry
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Windham, CT
18 July 2021

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

Meeting called to order by Lynne Ide at 11:10. Fr. Brian opened with a prayer.

Report from Fr. Brian

- Fr. Brian would like to discuss ideas to increase involvement with parishioners.
- Thursday Noonday Prayer Service has three to eight people in attendance.
- On Thursdays Fr. Brian checks in on parishioners.

Report from the Wardens L. Ide and D. Reinwald

- Fr. Dave Carter is available for the second Sunday of the month beginning in September.
- Ron Malone's Memorial Service is Saturday, September 18th at 10:00 AM.
- Alex Malone has requested help with parking, crowd control, Covid protocols and coffee/tea plus other set up for the reception which will be catered.
- AA and the recorder group have been meeting in the parish hall.
- DAR has scheduled meetings in the fall and spring.
- Theta Chapter plans to host a meeting in the parish hall.

Report from Mission and outreach from R. Stearns

- Windham Interfaith Working Group-Chairperson, Sheila Amdur, has resigned and Rebecca Stearns has taken on the position.
- COVID Remembrance to be held on October 3, 2021 at Jillson Park from 1:00-3:00 PM.
- Mickey Selleck offered to buy a new copier/scanner/printer for church business.
- No Freeze Shelter is in negotiations for a new building.

Report regarding Property presented by W. Haeger and Jim Russel

- Stonewall repair to be discussed with church neighbors regarding cost for jointly owned property.
- Produce from St. Paul's Garden will be donated to the Covenant Soup Kitchen.
- Plaque is available for Ron Malone's interment in the Memorial Garden.
- Parish room ceiling will be cleaned and painted once estimates have been received.
- An energy efficient light switch will be installed (in either the church or parish room or both) by an electrical contractor with LED bulbs once an estimate has been received.

Treasurer's Report Presented by Marian Brazziel

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

Discussion/Working Items

- Fr. Brian wants to be better utilized by the parish.
- Vestry will initiate meetings with the vicar on Thursday or third Sunday of the month.
- Parish picnic, Sunday, September 12th, noon-3:00PM. Raindate-September 19th, location and details TBD at August vestry meeting.
- Possible Thursday evening Christian Formation group.
- Contact Lynne Ide regarding persons vestry members wish to invite to meetings with the vicar.
- ECCT Grant Proposal- Fr. Brian requests (1) vestry member and (1) parish member to assist in writing an outline of the proposed program to provide music lessons to teach children how to play musical instruments.
- Approval of Parish Hall Use form to be discussed at the August vestry meeting.
- Revisit Wedding /Funeral Forms at the August vestry meeting.
- D. Reinwald and P. Abel will register and attend the ECCT Annual Conference on October 22nd and 23rd, 2021.

Next vestry meeting on Thursday, August 19th at 7:00PM in the parish hall.

Closed with prayer from Fr. Brian

Adjournment at 12:41PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela D. Abel

Clerk