

Minutes of the Vestry
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Windham, CT
20 February 2022

Present: Rebecca Stearns, Fr. Brian Blayer, Marian Brazziel, Donovan Reinwald, Steve Lamoreaux, Pam Abel

Meeting called to order by Rebecca Stearns at 12:25 p.m.
Fr. Brian opened in prayer.

Reports

Clergy

Fr. Brian proposed a new ministry for an Adopt-a-Family that would receive parish support throughout the year. Do we want to make this a new outreach ministry?

Fr. Brian will host a zoom meeting with people interested in this outreach program. The idea could include: calling the family for routine check-ins, collecting groceries in the church narthex, donating school supplies, household items and clothing.

Fr. Brian suggested that all vestry members read the Vestry Resource Guide and The Spirituality of Authentic Leadership.

Fr. Brian will lead a Lenten study on Tuesday evenings through zoom at 7:00 p.m. The daily devotional can be downloaded and calls for us to focus on gratitude for 40 days.

Wardens

Parish Hall Use Form was reviewed and discussed. Home insurance paperwork from individuals renting the hall needs to be on file.

M. Brazziel moved to approve the form. S. Lamoreaux seconded. Passed unanimously.

Fr. John's cellphone has been canceled.

St. Paul's email account needs to be upgraded.

P. Abel moved to upgrade the email account. M. Brazziel seconded. Passed unanimously.

R. Stearns explained that church zoom meetings are currently using Rebecca's laptop. She recommended looking for a new laptop to improve services. Vestry will explore options.

R. Stearns suggested placing signage outside the church to announce upcoming events. The signage will include detailed information regarding the event and can be moved in and out of the parish hall.

Treasurer

M. Brazziel went over the parochial report page by page to complete each line item with the vestry members.

Property

S. Lamoreaux stated that water pipes at the church burst because the furnace did not come on. The maintenance to repair the pipe was completed immediately.

S. Lamoreaux and R. Stearns will meet with the sexton, Jackie Marceau, to discuss her job description.

New Business

R. Stearns announced that a Mission and Outreach Coordinator is needed.

Closed with prayer. Adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Abel
Vestry Clerk