

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

Present: Fr. Brian Blayer, Rebecca Stearns, Donovan Reinwald, Pam Abel, Marian Brazziel  
Meeting called to order by Rebecca Stearns at 11:07 a.m.  
Fr. Brian opened in prayer.

**Reports**

Clergy - Fr. Brian's proposal to begin a year- round Adopt-a-Family ministry was discussed. Vestry is willing to move forward with grant usage for Adopt-a-Family.

*R. Stearns moved that the grant usage for Adopt-a-Family contain an outline of a budget, guidelines for the program and an initial meeting of persons interested in participating in the program. D. Reinwald seconded. Passed unanimously.*

Fr. Brian is leading a Tuesday evening Lenten Program focused on Gratitude at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Holy Week Services were organized with Fr. Brian:

~Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday at St. Mark's in Storrs at 7:00 p.m.

~Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday at St. Mark's in Storrs at 7:00 p.m.

~Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Easter Vigil led by Donovan Reinwald at St. Paul's, 4:00 p.m.

~Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday led by Fr. Brian at St. Paul's at 9:30 a.m.

Wardens - R. Stearns discussed the need for a new church computer with robust electronic outreach that can include cameras, audio, storage services, service on YouTube/Facebook.

*P. Abel moved to allocate one thousand dollars to purchase a computer for church services. D. Reinwald seconded. Passed unanimously.*

R. Stearns reviewed input from vestry members regarding preferred vestry covenant language from other Episcopal Churches. M. Brazziel and P. Abel will work on creating a St. Paul's Vestry Covenant.

S. Lamoreaux is exploring signage to be placed on Windham Center Green to announce special events held at St. Paul's Church.

R. Stearns presented ideas concerning record keeping to include: guest book, Book of Remembrance and parochial book filled in by senior or junior warden and signed by the minister.

R. Stearns expressed a need to create job descriptions for paid employees and resources for employees and volunteers.

Treasurer - M. Brazziel provided a detailed balance sheet. She locked in the church heating oil price at \$2.69 per gallon. See report.

Mission and Outreach - R. Stearns discussed doing mission and outreach programs as a group effort. M. Brazziel shared that Senator Chris Murphy awarded a five hundred- thousand- dollar grant to the No Freeze Shelter to renovate the new building. No Freeze Shelter is scheduled to move into the new building at the end of March.

*D. Reinwald moved to adjourn. R. Stearns seconded.* Fr. Brian closed with prayer. Adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Submitted,  
Pam Abel/Vestry Clerk