

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

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

Meeting called to order by Rebecca Stearns at 11:10 a.m.

Fr. Brian opened in prayer.

**Reports**

**Clergy** - Fr. Brian will be away at school from May 16<sup>th</sup>-May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. He suggested that the vestry contact the Rhode Island and Massachusetts diocese for a list of retired clergies that could be supply priests at St. Paul's Church. Fr. Brian stated that the wardens are responsible for church operations in absence of a priest-in-charge.

**Wardens** - R. Stearns suggested that the vestry plan to meet on Wednesday evenings to focus on transition plans. Fr. Brian's last day at St. Paul's is June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. R. Stearns ordered vestry books for members of the vestry.

**Mission and Outreach** - P. Abel reported that there were no volunteers from St. Paul's Church to work at the WAIM Workday. She represented the church on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00. P. Abel suggested that detailed directions on how to facilitate the First Baptist Church Community Meal be written and available to new volunteers and/or substitutes. There are (3) church members providing this ministry and parishioners are encouraged to volunteer on any 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. R. Stearns announced the date of the Steeple Chase, August 20, 2022. St Paul's has always been a rest stop and we need people to volunteer time at the rest stop and donations for food. R. Stearns stated that the Windham Region Interfaith Working group will be celebrating World Refugee Day on June 12 at 2:00 p.m. at Storrs Congregational Church. R. Stearns asked the vestry to consider ordering (2) lawn signs to announce Interfaith events. S. Lamoreaux made a motion to purchase (2) 18"x24" lawn signs at \$11.00 each. D. Reinwald seconded. Passed unanimously. D. Reinwald made a motion to contribute fifty dollars towards the bands performing at the World Refugee Day Celebration. S. Lamoreaux seconded. Passed unanimously.

R.Stearns reviewed the policy regarding the use of St. Paul's building and grounds.

**Treasurer** - M. Brazziel will email a report to all vestry members. M. Brazziel asked for help filing financial documents. M. Matktuh has been the auditor for St. Paul's Church for (7) years.

**Property** - S. Lamoreaux discussed the need for a new dishwasher. He will research a dishwasher that sanitizes and has a short cycle. S. Lamoreaux suggested reducing the sexton's job description. S. Lamoreaux stated that Sean Green did a fantastic job cleaning up the Memorial Garden for Dana Kessler's funeral. He asked that a thank you card be sent to Sean.

Fr. Brian closed the meeting with a prayer. Adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Abel  
Vestry Clerk