

St Paul's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

July 24, 2025

Members Present: Sarah Harmon (2026) – Senior Warden, Steve Massey (2026) – Junior Warden, Pam Baxter (Clerk), Pat Mulick (2026), Nikki Bittle (2027), Sarah Drake (2027), Virginia Wray (2027), Regina Cooper (2028), Kay Forrest (2028), Lora Sullins (2028).

Absent-Dwight Ford (Treasurer)

1. Opening prayer- Sarah Harmon-Today's Forward, Day by Day, Psalm 50

2. Approval of minutes- Minutes read, Motion to Approve by Sarah Drake, 2nd by Virginia, All were in Favor, Approved the Motion.

3. Treasurer's report- We had questions for Dwight at the next meeting, Treasurers Report was read, Motion to Accept by Kay, 2nd by Nikki, All were in Favor, Motion Approved.

4. Old Business-

A. Building report- Anglican Hall is done, we need to set up the conference room, Roofer will continue with the roof, we have new windows and siding which looks good. We need to Pay M and A Jones bill.

B. Candidate update- Phone call from the Bishop, he is coming this Sunday for both services.

5. New Business

A. Does anyone have business to bring to the Vestry? – Need to meet with the Bishop between the services and with the congregation after the 10:30 service. Goals for the meeting- Pastoral Care for every Sunday and Facilitate Candidate getting here.

B. Summer meetings: Next electronic mtg date is 8/21/25.

6. Sr. Warden's report-

- The Care Team met on 6/22/25 to plan the visit to Mountain Meadows. Beverly Grigsby, Sarah Drake and I met on July 1st to get the goody bags ready for the visit. Jon Healey, Sarah Drake, Beverly Grigsby, Jo Krug and I had a great visit on July 5th! The Care Team will meet on July 27th to plan the next visit to Mountain Meadows and to discuss Lyon College Community Fair and continuing our Lyon College lunches for the fall semester.

- Brenda Bittle reached out to me about the need for updated carseats for DHS in Independence County. The state is not funding this currently, and the current carseats are unsafe. I had Katie send \$ from the discretionary fund to get a proper carseat for their use.

- Upcoming Pulpit Supply: 7/27 Bishop will be coming for both services; 8/3- Natalie Molineaux; 8/10- Mike Schmidt 8am, Paul Hance 10:30am, Liturgy of the Word with reserve sacrament; 8/17- Natalie Molineaux; 8/24- Steve Massey- Liturgy of the Word with reserve sacrament

Motion was made to Approve the Sr. Warden's report by Nikki, 2nd by Steve, All were in Favor, Motion Approved

7. Junior Warden's Report-

A. Entergy: Still working to get additional claims documentation requested and off to Entergy. See last month's report for figures. About to give up on getting the "more detailed" information they want. I am not hopeful about the result, regardless.

B. Parish House HVAC: Seems to be managing with A/C only in old section of fellowship hall and kitchen, especially with thermostats set to lower temperature a few hours before coffee hour, soup kitchen, etc.

C. Church HVAC: Seems to work well moderately well. Temperature set to 68° Friday evening, was 74° in church late on a Saturday afternoon, but managed to cool off reasonably by Sunday morning. Still has noise in undercroft and in hall between choir and sacristy. Still need to get more air in sanctuary & choir.

D. Repairs to Anglican Hall: M&A Jones is finished, total of \$33,601.22, per estimate. There was an additional invoice from last year for \$1420.05 which we never received until this week which was for repairing the interior conference room wall where it was cut into to diagnose the extent of the problem. Tuckpoint repair of exterior brick wall and sealing tops of walls to roof will have to be finished.

E. Parish House: 1) Paneling on lower parts of east side wall still to be done. in new section to match paneling in old is done on west side. East side still to be done. 2) Gutter problems on east side. Does anyone know the name of a good gutter person? 3) Floor. Suggested to wait until tiles replaced before waxing/buffing. Extra tiles stored in undercroft. Looking for someone to do this work.

F. Repairs to Rectory Carport: Mason Pickens refurbished framing, cleaned out joints of existing roofing panels and sealed. Haven't remembered to check it during a rain, which has now gotten scarce.

G. Spoke to John Rone again about cleaning out weeds in iris beds and growth in outside A/C enclosures.

H. Altar rail latches: Better than they've been in a while, but could be better. Will consider getting Danny out to take another look.

I. J. Will look at having 5th St. doors replaced once we're sure there are no more water problems here. Drainage is OK, but doors still seem to be getting wet even in moderate rain. Perhaps awning needs to be better done? Big stuff long term: Harrison says we need to be planning to replace church A/C chiller (about \$100,000). The four HVAC units in parish house use older refrigerant and we should be planning on replacing them, which may involve replacing the furnace and A/C both. Soap system on dishwasher will need to be replaced in about the next year, since powder soap systems are no longer supported. Will wait to see what Entergy does with claim for repair before making decision on whether to replace soap system or look at leasing a newer dishwasher.

K. Computers and network: 1) Office and broadcast computers ought to be replaced by October 14, when Microsoft ceases support for Windows 10. They will not run Windows 11. Will still run after that, but no security updates and application software may cease to be supported. (I am ashamed at making Katie use a 9-year-old computer that runs like molasses. This must be replaced ASAP.) Was waiting for new rector to have input but. . . Wednesday, July 23, 2025 21:03 PM 3) Internet router/firewall subscription and service contract renewed, expires June 29, 2028.

L. Tree maintenance: Still need to find a tree doctor for tulip poplar.

M. Fire inspection: BFD says we need emergency lighting for windowless parts of Anglican Hall, replacement batteries in existing emergency lights, and can-style fire suppressors above the stove in parish house.

N. Light on (north)east side of large sign. Mike Schmidt has given up on this. Suggestions?

O. Cracking plaster over stone walls in undercroft. Still awaiting a bid from Yenner.

P. Misc: 1. West fence between hair salon and church property. 2. Directional and label signage. Also large sign out front, Anglican Hall sign.

Motion was made to Accept the Warden's report was made by Lora, 2nd by Nikki, All were in Favor, Motion was Accepted

9. Closing Prayer-Sarah H.-

Motion was made to Adjourn by Sarah D, 2nd by Pat, All were in Favor, Motion was Approved, Meeting was Adjourned