

St Paul's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

5/15/25

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

Members Absent: Cameron Gillespie (2026)

1. Opening prayer/devotional- Nikki

2. Approval of minutes- Minutes were read, Virginia motioned to Accept, Kay 2nd, All were in Favor, Approved

3. Treasurer's report- Treasurer's Report was read and discussed, Steve motioned to Approve, Regina 2nd, All were in favor, Motion Approved

4. Old Business-

A. Building work updates-Dry wall is up in Anglican Hall, Turned over Entergy Bills to John Healey to deal with AP&L faulty wiring issue.

B. Candidate update- Judy sent a letter of agreement for us to review.

5. New Business-

A. Caregiver support group info from Paulette Freeman, Presbyterian minister's wife, she will be doing a luncheon and training for volunteer support group.

B. Replacement for Cameron C.- Need a letter of resignation and a date he will be leaving. Discussion on his replacement.

C. Summer meetings/Next mtg date- next meeting will be June 19th, Regina made a Motion to have electronic meetings during June, July, and August unless emergencies or business arises, Nikki 2nd, All were in favor, Motion was Approved.

7. Sr. Warden's report-

- The Care Team met on 5/4 and signed cards for members on the prayer list. We discussed nursing home visits with care packages. There will be a collection of items. Pub Theology will be on 5/8, and then not again until after Labor Day. The next mtg will be on 6/1/25.

- Upcoming Pulpit Supply: 5/18- Natalie Molineaux; 5/25- Steve Massey, Liturgy of the Word with Reserve sacrament; 6/1 Morning Prayer, Sarah Harmon; - 6/8- Pentecost- Natalie Molineaux; 6/15- TBD; 6/22- Natalie Molineaux 6/29- Brenda Bittle, Liturgy of the Word with Communion from Reserve sacrament

- I have been keeping in communication with our candidate and the diocese.

8. Jr. Warden's report-

- Entergy: Continuing to gather the necessary information to send in Entergy claim. Jon Healey is helping with this, since he knows some of the dishwasher and appliance people already. So far,

dishwasher and A/C repair total over \$11,000. Still don't have electrician's bill for work on our side of the meter to correct Entergy's phase swap at the pole.

- Church HVAC: Still some noise in the undercroft but seems to be working well. Will work with Earnie at Harrison Energy to see what can be done once weather is warmer.
- Repairs to Anglican Hall: M&A Jones has drywall up as of 5/9, finishing work continues. Feel free to stick your head in and look. Additionally, tuckpoint repair of exterior brick wall and sealing tops of walls to roof will have to be finished.
- Parish House: 1) Still waiting for paneling on lower parts of wall in new section to match paneling in old. Waiting on Junior Kipfer to get team together to get this done. 2) Gutter problems on east side. Will get gutter person out to take a look. 3) Floor. Suggested to wait until tiles replaced before waxing/buffing. Extra tiles stored in undercroft. Looking for someone to do this work.
- 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.
- Altar rail latches: BROKEN AGAIN! Bar across gates severely bent. I will try to get Danny Dozier to re-fix. Frustrating.
- 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 involves 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.
- Tree maintenance: Still need to find a tree doctor for tulip poplar.
- 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.
- Air conditioning: Still need to get more air in sanctuary & choir. Will work with Earnie at Harrison Energy to see what can be done once weather is warmer.
- Sticking gates: Behind Anglican Hall in garden, and to HVAC enclosure below St. Paul window. Need volunteers to repair.
- Area enclosed by fence behind Anglican Hall. Overgrown and needs to be cleaned out. Contacted Rone and they are supposed to be cleaning up.
- Light on (north)east side of large sign. Mike Schmidt has given up on this. Suggestions?
- Cracking plaster over stone walls in undercroft. Still awaiting a bid from Yenner.
- Misc: o West fence between hair salon and church property. o Directional and label signage. Also, large sign out front, Anglican Hall sign. 9. Adjourn with prayer

9. Sarah Drake motioned to Approve the Sr. and Jr. Reports, Steve 2nd the motion, All were in favor, Motion Approved.

10. Adjournment with Prayer- Nikki made a motion to Adjourn, Kay 2nd, All were in Favor, Motion Approved.

11. The Camp Mitchell Scholarship for Sophia Bridgers was added on the agenda. We received an email from the Camp Registrar. We did the vote electronically and all were in favor, Motion was Approved.