

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting, Wednesday, June 24, 2024

At 6:25, the Rev. Lucy Strandlund called the meeting to order and shared a devotion. Those in attendance were Brant Snavely, Keith Googe, Charlotte Broughton, Sheldon Moser, Matthew Phillips, Kathryn Vernon, Ralph Womble, Elizabeth Repetti, Jack Scruggs, Tom McDowell, and Betsy Reiners.

Lucy Strandlund called for a motion to accept the May 15, 2024, minutes as presented. Kathryn Vernon made a motion and Jack Scruggs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom McDowell offered the following financial report information. Pledges continue to lag and are \$168k below budget. Pledge statements will go out mid-July, hopefully this will encourage people to "catch up."

It was also a 3-payroll month which skews the numbers a bit. We are paid bi-weekly so twice a year we have three in one month. Expenses are in line with main overages Vestry approved expenses.

Lucy announced that the July vestry meeting is canceled.

In her clergy report, Lucy discussed the number of weddings and funerals the clergy and staff have managed in the past 6 weeks and the upcoming ordination taking place at St. Paul's for Augsburg Lutheran Church. Augsburg's building is under construction and St. Paul's is offering our campus for special events.

Sr. Warden, Matthew Phillips did not have anything new to report.

Jr. Warden, Morris Friedman, reported on the pavers and the sound system.

Mike Ryan joined the meeting to update the vestry on some matters with The Bethesda Center for the Homeless and to ask for a donation for the nonprofit.

Matthew Phillips moved to grant the request of \$8000.00 for working capital to The Bethesda Center for the Homeless and Ralph Womble seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stewardship Director, Victoria Bass presented the plans made by the Stewardship committee for this year's campaign. She thanked the vestry for all their feedback and intends to share it with the committee.

In Liaison reports, Keith Googe reported that Summer Enrichment Camp is about to start, and he is so impressed by the organization of this ministry.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.