

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Franklin, TN**  
**Vestry Minutes**  
**June 16, 2025**

**Attendees:** Chris Oberholtzer, Bruce Theobald, Spencer Dibble, Ann Denson, Jim Miller, Paul Hannah, Melissa Montero, Jonathan Webster, Mindy Boggs  
**Staff:** Rusty McCown, Monna Mayhall, Donna Stokes Rogers, Brett Smith

**Call to Order** 5:30 pm

**Opening Prayer**-*Rusty McCown*

**Approval of Minutes:** Spencer motioned to approve minutes as written. A second was made, the motion passed.

**Financials:** *Rusty McCown read reports prepared by Michael Walters-Young*

- **May Summary:**

Five months into the fiscal year and the parish is performing as expected.

Revenues: Cash-In-Plate and pledging remain very strong. Cash-in-plate returned to a more humble number (nearly \$10,000) but pledging was 27% higher than expected in May. For the year, we are 5.5% above where we expected in revenues.

Expenses: Expenses were under budget by 6.1%. Of note, Christian ed – children was higher due to Easter expenses and Moses Baskets as well as Office Equipment was higher due to excess copying costs for Easter. Utilities continue to exceed budgeted expectations.

Overall: The parish budgeted for a \$36,344 deficit but operationally ran a only a deficit of \$11,280 for the month. Non-budgeted expenses were nearly a wash for May. For the year, the parish remains \$172,737 to the good.

- **April Capital Reconciliation:**

Beginning in July 2022, we pulled out and segregate all revenues and expenses related to the capital campaign incurred this year from the operating statements.

We secured a higher rate of return for the Money Market for Capital purposes in mid-May 2023. It continues until such time as construction financing is needed. New this month are greater detail for the construction project, a loan paydown schedule and a project budget vs. actual.

- The Finance Committee reports we are having a difficult time with our 2 reporting systems. Jan Pate has been working on this and seems to be reconciled.
- Spencer Dibble reported the budget for Young Adults appears to have disappeared. A line item will be put back.

**Staff Reports:**

Music and Creative Ministry-*Donna Stokes Rogers*

Choirs taking a summer hiatus. Adult Choir starts rehearsing August 13.

- Working on a schedule for Children's Choir this fall. Article in July newsletter will outline possible rehearsal times. If you know a child who would like to sing this fall, please let me know.
- Thank you to our choir, Holli, Kent, Derek, Jeremy and Charles for an outstanding Bluegrass and Stained-Glass Sunday. The next one happens July 13!
- The Maker's Table is having several days of sewing and crafting June 23-26 in Barnabas to prepare for the Christmas Bazaar.

#### Youth Ministry-Brett Smith EYG

- The youth had so much fun helping with Week of Wonder last week! Current EYG youth, rising EYG youth, and EYG alumni all volunteered as group and station leaders. We had a wonderful week!
- This Sunday is our first EYG: Summer Edition for rising 7th graders – recent grads! We will meet at Barnabas and walk downtown for ice cream. Rising 6th graders will be invited to join EYG events beginning in August!
- MTOP is 1 month away (as you can tell by all the tools joining us in the conference room)! For various reasons, we have the following spots open if you or someone you know would like to join us from July 13 - 19: 1 adult service project driver, 1 youth service project, 1 youth day camp. The Men of St. Paul's have generously offered to provide dinner and breakfast for our visitors from Marysville when they arrive. They will also provide a send-off lunch for the entire MTOP group on
- Sunday, July 13! We are so grateful for them! MTOP youth and adults will be commissioned at the
- 10 AM service on Sunday, July 13
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#### Young Adults

- Dylan Rhea is hosting a pool party potluck for the young adults on June 21! College students and young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join, and kids are welcome!

#### Children's Ministry-Libby Sullivan

- We had 37 participants and 32 adult and youth volunteers who made the Week of Wonder a great success! We are grateful for every person who made it possible, for great weather, and for the opportunity to make new memories at Jim Warren Park. We are keeping our friend, Harrison, in our prayers as he recovers from an injury he suffered on Monday morning.
- The children shared their WOW song "All Things Bright and Beautiful" with the congregation on Sunday. Many thanks to the Jim Warren Duo-Donna and Rusty for helping them learn the song during the week.
- It's not too early to start thinking of volunteering with us next year. We need adults who are willing to help with Godly Play at 10 am beginning in September. I promise you that you will not be bored, and you will leave smiling!

Associate Rector: Monna Mayhall

- Juneteenth is this Thursday, June 19th, at McCelmore House, from 11 to 5pm.
- Pride Festival went well
- Extra volunteers will be asked to help for lemonade in the shade for the summer.

PASTORAL CARE

Stephen Ministry

- This hasn't changed recently – I'm hoping it is a sign of a steady ministry! Stephen Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, with the 2 different groups - a morning group and a late afternoon group. We have 15 Active Stephen Ministers, with 12 of them currently having Care Receivers. I am so grateful to Marcia Wilkinson and Carol Waters for coordinating this vital parish ministry.
- Grief Support Group at St. Paul's
- St. Paul's Grief Support Group continues to help people experiencing any kind of grief. There are 6 parishioners who rotate as facilitators with the Grief Group. We offer a morning group, Grief Support Group, open to anyone. It meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 9:00 am-10:00 am in the Barnabas Conference Room.

PARISH LIFE

WITS

- For June, WITS (Women in Theological Study) is focusing on Jesus' original twelve disciples.
- Holy Hikes
- Holy Hikes-Middle Tennessee is offered a hike at Marcella Vivrette Smith Park in Brentwood on Saturday, May 31 at 9:00 am -

OUTREACH

- Spring Street
- Spring Street ministry takes a break in the summer months of June-August.
- Birthday Outreach Ministry
- On the 2nd Tuesday of every month, we continue to visit Charter Senior Living of Franklin, to celebrate the birthdays of the Charter residents for that month. We meet there from 12:40-1:30 pm giving us time to visit with residents. We have had 6 parties, so far, providing cake and ice cream. Each month, we have had about 5-6 volunteers from St. Paul's.

Outreach Committee

*Listing of Funds recently distributed:*

*St. Paul's Food Pantry (Quarterly) \$ 500*

*FUMC – Meals on Wheels (Quarterly) \$1,500*

*CASA of Williamson County \$3,000*

*Williamson County Health Dept – Big Backpack*

*Giveaway \$3,000*

*African American Heritage Society \$1,500*

## Rector's Report: *Rusty McCown*

- Bishop's annual visit went well, thank you to all who had a hand in making everything run smoothly.
- Service time has changed to summer schedule. A discussion on if this should stay year round.
- Construction going very well-we have stairs! Thank you to Susan Miller for all she does. A meeting tomorrow to discuss furniture (budgeted).
- We are still on schedule for completion in late October.
- Monna and Rusty are in preliminary discussions about the parish taking a pilgrimage. "Following in the Footsteps of Paul" with [myfaithjourneys.com](http://myfaithjourneys.com) in September, 2026.
- Dates to Remember:
- This Sunday is this Sunday, June 22nd
- August 2nd-St. Paul's goes to the river-limited to 25 people, kayaking the Duck River. (Donna looking into this.
- August 24th-St. Paul's church birthday.

**Senior Warden**-no report

**Junior Warden:** *Jim Miller*

- The columbarium proposal to add 80 slots is \$45,800, not including installation
- MOSP hosted the construction workers and staff for lunch
- Crane lift for the HVAC units will be in approximately 3 weeks.

## Committee Reports:

- Parish Life-MOSP barbecue will be the last Saturday in September.
- Communications: Ann has made a vestry binder for all of us. As you retire your position, it is hoped you will pass it on to the next person.

Senior Ministries: Monna spoke with someone from AgeWell ministries. They are looking for partnership churches. They are offering to give presentations about various topics, provide resources, consulting calls for caregivers. A grant was given with the stipulation they will partner only with faith based ministries. The group is local to middle TN. Beverly Headly has been our health care advocate and continues to do a great job.

**Old Business**-*none*

## **New Business**

Jonathan Webster attended St. John's for Pentecost. John Runcle gave a talk about historical churches, and the HAVES report. (Historical architectural building survey) The report goes to the Library of Congress. The primary benefit: if any damage is incurred to our church, we would have an architectural rendering to put things back together. Downside is the approximate \$7000 cost. The general consensus was this would be a great thing to have. Rusty will reach out to John and ask for more information on how to proceed.

**Closing Prayer**- *The Lord's Prayer*

**Adjournment** - 6:40pm

*\*next meeting scheduled for July 21st. at 5:30 pm*

