



**St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Wilmington, NC  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2023**

**Present:** The Rev. Caleb Lee (Rector), Bill Anlyan (Rector's Warden), Tori Cannon (Vestry Clerk), Layne Dupree, Ashley Eason, Carol Field, Steve Haughey, Anne O'Dell (People's Warden) Denise Sheehan, Tom Sramek, David Tousignant

**Absent:** Lisa Sanders-Park, Judy Wilson

**Father Lee called the meeting to order at 5:58pm and opened the meeting with a prayer.**

**Approval of the September Meeting Minutes**

David Tousignant made a motion to accept the September minutes, seconded by Carol Field and were unanimously approved, without corrections.

**Rector's Report**

Hold on to your hats. We are in the midst of a lot going on. Rise Against Hunger last Saturday was a great time for a great cause. Stuff the Truck is next Saturday. This is a community event hosted by St. Paul's. Stewardship season will begin on Sunday, October 15 with the theme, Building. The Way. Forward. I have submitted the letter to you in the reports. You will see that we are making a big ask. I believe it is within reach. It is the cost of doing business, and if we are going to be successful with a Capital Campaign then we have to be successful with annual stewardship.

You may have seen some news about Dean Willis coming to St. Paul's. This is a great occasion. He is scheduled to be with us on Tuesday Evening for a Choral Evensong. We will highlight the 1858 Circle (those who have remembered St. Paul's in their death) by dedicating 2 new processional torches in memory of David Heath and Richard Rhoads, who are the newest members of the 1858 Circle. We have used money from their bequests to purchase the torches and my intention is also to use a small portion of their bequests for the minimal expense of hosting our distinguished guest.

Bill Anlyan addressed the process of including St. Paul's in parishioners' estate planning. He cited current members (anonymously) who have informed him of their intentions and are working with their financial planners.