

St. Paul's Church
Vestry Meeting: May 19, 2016

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: NUMBER 26.05
Grant Application Request in Support of YMCA Senior Citizens Ministry Activities
Submitted by Douglas Mouncey, Treasurer

Background Information

In 2015, Charles "Chuck" Stewart served at St. Paul's as part of his formation as a Deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York.

During his exploration of possible ministry opportunities in our neighborhood, Chuck determined that there was a need for engagement with the senior citizens living at the YMCA apartments.

Upon Chuck's departure, parishioner Debbie Bogan has served as the organizer of events with the residents. Residents have participated in events at St. Paul's such as potluck dinners and look forward to our rummage sales.

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Our annual expenses for this ministry are about \$800. Donations from individual parishioners are no longer sufficient to meet the increased activity. Many funders are unable to support churches. Therefore, the flexibility of the Morris Family Advised Fund would be particularly helpful to continue this meaningful ministry.

We are requesting a grant of \$5,000 to help stabilize the ministry for the coming five years.

Pending review of the one-page request, a more formal application may be requested.

Resolution

The Vestry of St. Paul's authorizes Douglas Mouncey to submit a grant application, on behalf of Debbie Bogan, to the Morris Family Advised Fund requesting \$5,000 in support of the activities with the senior residents of the YMCA apartments.

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Application Contact: Debbie Bogan, Parish Liaison for St. Paul's YMCA Seniors Outreach Ministry

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Dear Mr. Morris,

I am submitting this grant request of \$5,000 to support the St. Paul's Church outreach to the senior citizen residents of the YMCA apartments on Montgomery St., Syracuse.

Founded in 1926, St. Paul's will be hosting several events in the coming year to celebrate our 200th anniversary in the heart of Syracuse.

As St. Paul's Downtown Episcopal Church in Syracuse, one of our outreach ministries is with the senior citizen residents at the Downtown YMCA. Additional partnerships include serving as host to several music organizations, including The Syracuse Orchestra, and the development of 10 onsite apartments with A Tiny Home for Good for housing vulnerable senior males.

Our ministry with the YMCA residents began in 2015 and has flourished.

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The number of senior citizens attending the socials that we host at the Y has increased. Individuals tend to be lonely and many have no family.

Based on the numerous thank you notes that we receive from residents and staff, we're certain that our relationship with the Y has made an impact on their lives.

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As a graduate of Jamesville-Dewitt High School, I'm pleased that a former J-D student is offering financial support to the broader Syracuse community.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Debbie Bogan, Parish Liaison for St. Paul's YMCA Seniors Outreach Ministry

Morris Family Grant Application