

## Trinity Parish Vestry Meeting

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Attendees: Garth Myers, Connie Harasymiw, Carol Jones, Don Ghostlaw, Cheryl Chadsey, Kathy Cole, Rob Heath, Bruce Duncan, Charles Melchreit, Susanna Brown, Melanie Hepburn.

6:02pm Meeting called to order.

1. Opening prayer, Cheryl Chadsey.
2. Monthly reports
  - a. Approval of minutes from last meeting, motion to approve Charles Melchreit, second by Cheryl Chadsey. Small corrections were noted. Minutes with corrections accepted unanimously. Motion passes.
  - b. October financial report. Rob Heath. Expenses and pledges are under budget and expected to remain so for rest of calendar year, we should stay cash positive through December. Under Mission and Outreach – there is \$1500 that is not showing – a coding error that will be corrected next month. Investment fund took a loss of \$28K, Rob will follow up with the diocese to see what their projections are. Connie noted that the flower fund is especially low and some creative ideas are needed to help provide sustainable funding of weekly flowers. Motion to accept reports made by Kathy Cole, second by Garth Myers. Motion passes, reports accepted.
3. Additional items.
  - a. Mission and outreach proposals under new business.
4. New Business
  - a. Priest in Charge. Garth Myers. We have a candidate and had planned to meet on Monday evening, but our meeting has had to be postponed.
  - b. December vestry meeting date. Connie Harasymiw. Motion to change the vestry meeting date to 12/14, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month made by Carol Jones, second by Garth Myers. Rob Heath agreed to have financial reports available. Motion approved unanimously.
  - c. Presentation of proposed budget for 2024. Rob Heath. Vestry were walked through the draft budget for next year, which will be revised prior to December meeting.
  - d. Mission and outreach proposal. Connie Harasymiw. Motion to approve proposal (see attachment A) with correction made by Garth Myers, second by Kathy Cole. Vote to approve unanimous, motion passes.
5. Old Business
  - a. Nominating committee. Connie Harasymiw. Rose Riley, Judy Shaw, Susan Whitehouse, and Barbara Cosgrove met to discuss how to adopt change in vestry service. Rebecca Scruton for one year, Don Ghostlaw will serve for one year, and Greg Joseph will serve for three-year term. This grouping should allow us to transition to the new staggered membership which will ensure there are always some members with experience serving. And Garth Myers announced that he will be stepping down as co-warden.
    - i. Motion that the term of Rob Heath continue as treasurer through 2024 made by Connie Harasymiw, second by Garth Myers.

- ii. Motion for Melanie Hepburn to continue as parish clerk through 2024 made by Connie Harasymiw, second by Kathy Cole.
  - iii. Motion that Don Ghostlaw to serve an additional year on vestry made by Connie Harawymiw, second by Garth Myers.
  - iv. Vote to approve all 3 motions unanimous. All motions pass.
  - b. Capitol improvements. Connie Harasymiw. Members were asked to review list of improvements proposed by property committee and to select at least 3 priorities. Please send priorities to Connie Harasymiw.
6. Closing prayer. Cheryl Chadsey.

Meeting adjourned by 8:00pm

Minutes respectfully submitted

By Melanie Hepburn 11/16/2023

Attachment A

Motions for Disbursement of Remaining Outreach Funds:

Corinne Helfant has submitted a request for a donation of \$800 to support Camp Washington’s summer camp opportunities for children. We hereby move that a check from account #5246000 in the amount of \$800 be made to Camp Washington.

Tim Boardman has submitted a request for a donation of \$1000 for Connecticut Foodshare to address food insecurity in Connecticut. We hereby move that a check from account #5246000 in the amount of \$1000 be made to Connecticut Foodshare.

Don Ghostlaw has submitted a request for a donation of \$1200 for Africa Education Partnership to further the work of building schools in northern Nigeria and to provide scholarships to needy students in those schools. We hereby move that a check from account #5246000 in the amount of \$1200 be made to Africa Education Partnership.

The Mission & Outreach committee would like to request a donation to the Wethersfield Fuel Bank to help those in Wethersfield struggling to pay their heating bills in the coming winter. We hereby move that a check from account #524600 in the amount of \$1000 be made to the Wethersfield Fuel Bank.

The Mission & Outreach committee would like to request a donation to the Friendship Center’s Tomasso Family Kitchen, which not only provides 3 meals per day for its residents, but also opens for lunch daily for the community. This would be in conjunction with the Christmas underwear collection for residents of the Friendship House currently underway. We hereby move that check from account #5246000 in the amount of \$500 be made to the Friendship Center – Tomasso Family Kitchen.

Gordon & Rebecca Scruton have submitted a request for a donation of \$1200 to the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, whose mission is “Transforming lives of the vulnerable & displaced in the Middle East through support of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and its schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities.” We hereby move that a check from account #5246000 in the amount of \$1200 be made to the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

Joan Joseph

Ann Marie Stavola

Mission and Outreach

11/16/2023

Outreach Fund 2023

LOCAL		REGIONAL		GLOBAL	
Backpacks	\$500	Friendship	\$500	Kateri	\$2000

Keane	\$500	Fodshare	\$1000	St. Vincent's	\$1500
Garten	\$500	Camp Wash	\$800	AEP	\$1200
Fuel Bank (total)	\$2500	Lunch in the Park	\$161		
		AFEDJ	\$1200		
TOTAL	\$4000		\$3661		\$4700