

October 19, 2023

Trinity Parish Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Don Ghostlaw

6:34 Meeting called to order

1. Opening prayer. Carol Jones. The Lord's Prayer by Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber.
2. Monthly reports
 - a. Minutes from September 21st. Motion to accept minutes by Harasymiw, second by Chadsey. Typo for donation and space. Correction will be made. Vote unanimous to approve. Minutes with corrections passes.
 - b. Financial report. Rob Heath. We continue to be under budget because we do not have a current priest, and our pledges are a bit under the projected amount. Several members who had pledged previously have left during 2023, leaving us a bit short. Hopefully a few members who seem to be quarterly givers will likely be catching up. On the expense side, we are under budget by \$18K. We do have a net positive cash flow at the moment. There will be some expenses coming in for Outreach and Mission. Designated and restricted accounts – not much to report. Checking account – down a bit. July and August investment reports will be redone due to errors. Harasymiw asked when there would be a hard figure for Outreach and Mission – Heath reported by the end of October/early November. Motion to accept made by Cole, second by Chadsey. Vote to accept unanimously. Motion passes.
 - c. Additions to agenda: Harasymiw – shed, Jones – altar guild safe, Heath - Vanguard.
3. Property Committee. Warren Blessing. Request for direction from Vestry to get guidance re what items should be addressed next in the list of building improvements. Four items that have been improved over the last year include roof repairs, alligator pit, streaming infrastructure, and windows in the Seabury Room. Vestry members were presented with a list of outstanding property improvement items to consider for prioritizing at next meeting.
4. Discussion of supply clergy through 2023, including Christmas Eve. Carol Jones. We have secured officiants for all services, except for Christmas Eve. Rebecca Scruton is trying to locate someone for Christmas Eve. The Worship Committee is reviewing several options.
5. Vanguard and budget. Rob Heath. Vanguard account is set up with Heath and Jones having login information. The draft budget for 2024 will be presented at the next Vestry meeting, and December meeting will be the opportunity to vote on the budget for next year.
6. Altar guild safe. Carol Jones. The safe that has been identified is \$1240 that does not include delivery (it weighs over 200lbs). Current safe will be reused to secure parish documents. The motion to approve up to \$1240 for the purchase of an American Security Safe for the storage of silver vessels used in worship made by Jones, second by Melchreit. Vote to approve expenditure unanimous, motion passes.
7. Old business.

- a. Organist update. Carol Jones. Recommendation that we build in \$12,000 into 2024 budget to cover the expense of an organist. A few new supply organists will be serving through the end of the year.
 - b. Update on PIC. Garth Myers. Myers needs to make a phone call to Tim Hoddap at the Diocese regarding interest that has been expressed in our position.
 - c. Shed. Connie Harasymiw. The residents of the former rectory have received permission from the historic district and a letter from Trinity parish to support their plans to install a 20' by 10' shed. Permit has been issued.
8. Committee reports.
- a. Diocesan convention. Harasymiw. Ray and Denise Colburn are our representatives to convention this weekend. We will invite them to vestry meeting to give an informal report.
9. Closing.
- a. Action items.
 - i. Buy a safe.
 - ii. Phone call to Tim Hoddap.
 - b. Closing prayer. Jones.
10. 8:25pm meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Melanie Hepburn 10/19/2023