

February 15, 2024

Trinity Parish Vestry Meeting

Attendees: Carol Jones, Connie Harasymiw, Rob Heath, Don Ghostlaw, Rebecca Scruton, Greg Joseph, Melanie Hepburn, Kathy Cole, Bruce Duncan, Cheryl Chadsey.

Guests: Warren Blessing, Aversa Sheldon.

6:34pm Meeting called to order.

1. Opening prayer. Connie Harasymiw.
2. Monthly reports.
 - a. Approval of minutes. Motion to accept made by Joseph, second by Ghostlaw. Edits noted. Motion approved unanimously.
 - b. Financial reports. Rob Heath. No need yet to withdraw from endowment. \$1000 came for altar guild in memory of stole purchased in Colleen Townsend's name. Checking and investment reports not available in time for this vestry meeting. Motion to accept report made by Greg Joseph, second by Kathy Cole. Motion passed unanimously.
3. New Business.
 - a. Proposal to be presented by Aversa Sheldon.
4. Property. Warren Blessing.
 - a. Primary reason for proposal is to request funds for roof inspection and repair. After inspection, 3 areas needing attention were identified. Estimate from roofer to repair is \$7000. Rebecca Scruton made a motion that vestry approve an amount of no more than \$7500 for DBL Contracting to repair the slate roof as soon as the weather cooperates, second by Don Ghostlaw. Funds to come out of operating line. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Update on service calls to address heating issue, which was resolved. Maintenance appointment coming on 2/22.
5. Committee recommendation. Aversa Sheldon.
 - a. Request to hold a children's Easter egg hunt on Holy Saturday, as part of an effort to attract young families. Parishioners could fill Easter eggs the Sunday prior. Funds would be needed to advertise, and to purchase eggs and candy. Decorations could be donated. Proposal to hold a fish and chips dinner on Good Friday – not to prepare in church kitchen, but could be prepared off-site and brought in for heating/serving. Connie recommended using the blue sign for events (only up for 10 days at a time and limited to 11 times per year). Advertising outlets include Rare Reminder (possible to get notices in Reminder for free), notices on various Wethersfield websites. Vestry approved plans for Easter egg hunt. Further conversations will be on-going re new committee, kitchen/dinner logistics, and other opportunities to underscore child friendly community.
6. Facebook update. Carol Jones.
 - a. Thanks to Melissa Pavick, a new Facebook page is being created and she has agreed to be the moderator/manager of the page.
7. Dinner with Grace Church Newington. Connie Harasymiw.

- a. Connie was contacted by a former supply priest letting her know that the vestry and the wardens from Grace Church would like to invite Trinity vestry and wardens to a pot luck dinner on March 12, 2024 at 5:30pm. The purpose of the dinner is social and exploratory. More details to follow.
8. Updates.
 - a. New parish administrator will start on February 27th. She has an excellent background and experience.
 - b. Priest in charge. Waiting to find out when candidate will be able to meet with vestry.
 - c. Organist. Kevin Mack, a potential organist, will be visiting on Sunday, March 17th. Supply organists are lined up through the end of March.
 - d. Connie distributed a sign-up sheet for vestry members for monthly prayers.
 - e. Live streaming update. Don Ghostlaw gave report on progress on technology. Getting recommendation on improvements to church's sound system. Expects to be able to start streaming services in two weeks. Don would like to make an announcement a week prior.
 - f. Stewardship realty update. Next grant submission is 2024. Traffic study will be needed by town. Question about existing garage and whether or not it could be removed, depending on outcome of traffic study.
 9. Closing prayer. Greg Joseph.

8:13pm meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted

By Melanie Hepburn 2/15/2024