

July 18, 2024

### Trinity Parish Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Bruce Duncan

6:35pm Meeting called to order.

1. Opening prayer, Cheryl Chadsey.
2. Approval of minutes from 6/20/2024. Corrections noted in spelling. Motion to approve the minutes made by Greg Joseph, second by Don Ghostlaw. Minutes approved unanimously. Motion passes.
3. Financial reports for June, 2024, Rob Heath. Excluding investment, income is above budget by \$8000. Expenses are \$17,000 under budget due to personnel. Nothing has been withdrawn from investments. Minor administrative purchases have been made (envelopes, checks). Designated restricted account - \$900 for Ginger's travel, \$50 for organist. Memorial fund - \$300 for donations for LEVAS. Bank balance is \$43,422. Investment fund has increased by \$8000 in the last month. Motion to accept report made by Connie Harasymiw, second by Cheryl Chadsey. Motion approved unanimously. Motion passes.
4. Additional agenda items. None.
5. Transition forms from Diocese for PIC search. Connie Harasymiw. Comments from vestry members regarding small edits/changes to the TMC document. Committee also reviewed and recommended edits/changes to the OTM document for the Diocesan website. Revised document will be forwarded to the appropriate offices.
6. Planning for 2025. Connie Harasymiw.
  - a. Collect ideas from parish committees
  - b. Collect ideas from parishioners
  - c. Live stream vestry meetings
  - d. Become ADA compliant
  - e. Open ourselves to community with weekday evening ministry
  - f. Social events four times a year
  - g. Office committee to oversee policy and procedures
  - h. Restart Christmas fair
  - i. Wish list
  - j. Update the kitchen
  - k. Young family outreach
  - l. Regular adult formation
  - m. Regular retreats/services similar to compline
  - n. Easter flower sale adjacent to Easter egg hunt
  - o. Halloween event
  - p. Capital fund
  - q. Renew interfaith services
  - r. Senior outreach
  - s. Contemporary music service once a month/Saturday evening services

- t. Rare Reminder ads
  - u. Creation Care Committee
  - v. Sung eucharist occasionally
  - w. Carpet replaced throughout
  - x. Rogation Sunday activity
  - y. Pastoral care
  - z. Closer ties with St. Monica's and Good Shepherd
  - aa. 2<sup>nd</sup> camera for streaming and platform in back of church
  - bb. Vestry to reach out to other parishoners/calling tree
  - cc. Update directory
  - dd. Taking care of gardens/landscaping
  - ee. Funeral planning
7. Old business.
- a. Memorial Garden proposal. Carol Jones. James Milne has started on a general clean up of the church grounds. The memorial garden committee has submitted a proposal to redo the memorial garden with new plants etc, and to take care of the gardens on a regular basis. Motion to table conversation until next month made by Rebecca Scruton, second by Greg Joseph. Motion passes with two dissenting votes and will be picked up at next month's meeting.
  - b. Live streaming updating. Don Ghostlaw. Dan has moved the stage box out of the organ room. He has contributed a great deal of time and money to make that happen. Dan has also put in a speaker box for Kevin, the organist. Don has now figured out how to title readings, homilist name etc. The second camera would allow Don to fade in and out for camera transitions – the cost would be something in the area of \$2000.
  - c. PIC update. Carol Jones. No member of vestry noted comments from parishioners. Some have noted appreciation for a variety of celebrants.
  - d. Mission and Outreach update re Haiti. Connie Harasymiw. Building has been destroyed. Pere Duveaux has decided that the school will have an upgraded infirmary. Do we want to help out now – they would like to wait until we can secure additional funds to be able to contribute more. Most children have come back to school now that they have relocated to the more rural location.
  - e. Property update. Carol Jones. Warren Blessing will be buying a new sump pump and battery back-up. The church sign that was on the Silas Deane highway was taken out by a snowplow. Motion to spend up to \$500 on a new church sign for the Silas Deane highway made by Carol Jones, second by Don Ghostlaw. Motion approved unanimously, motion passes.
  - f. Nigerian scholarship. Don Ghostlaw. Clarification of amount of scholarship which is \$300 per year.
  - g. Closing prayer. Cheryl Chadsey
8. 8:45pm Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted

By Melanie Hepburn 7/18/2024