

June 20, 2024

## Trinity Parish Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

6:38pm

1. Opening prayer – Kathy Cole.
2. Approval of minutes. Motion to approve made by Greg Joseph, second by Cheryl Chadsey. No Discussion. Minutes approved unanimously.
3. Financial report. Rob Heath. Support is currently is above budget by \$7300. Expense side we are about \$10,000 under budget due to difference in office staff expense, waiting for spending by Mission and Outreach, organ contract has been received. Property budget is over by \$2500 - \$1920 has been expended by plumbing needs, and water bill was up until the leak was addressed. \$680 for slate roof repair. Endowment is doing well. The finance committee will start looking toward the 2025 budget in September. Motion to accept the report made by Greg Joseph, second by Don Ghostlaw. Report accepted unanimously.
4. Report on audit. Rob Heath. Audit will happen in July.
5. Additional agenda items. From Connie Harrasymiw – scam emails have been received. Be careful of requests for parish directory that say they are from the diocese or random name.
6. New business.
  - a. Update on search. Carol Jones. Wardens went to meet Canon Tim Hoddap. Meeting was very positive. He has been signing letters of agreement for almost a dozen parishes and part-time priests in charge, with six more in the works. The diocese now has permission to post part-time positions on the national website. Canon Tim also agreed that we could consider a full part-time position. He recommended that we review our current website and consider refreshing it with a view towards potential candidates. It appears that the position description and application either were never actually posted or was deleted. (Carol has written a letter to bring the members of the parish up to date with on the search process that will be distributed shortly.) Carol will meet with Joan Joseph to discuss website.
  - b. Planning for 2025. Carol Jones. At next month's vestry meeting we will need to discuss any ideas re worship, programming, formation, Mission & Outreach, etc to develop "wish lists" to help guide budget development for next year.
7. Old business.
  - a. Steward realty update. Connie Harrasymiw. Warren Blessing has discussed with several other interested parties re uses of different spaces in the church. Accessibility is an issue. Wheelchair incline is a potential option to improve access.
  - b. Live streaming update. Don Ghostlaw. They will be developing a wish list to include a second camera, platform. Will be moving the stage box from the organ room to another location and plugging the piano into the "box" that won't interfere with access the hymn boards.
  - c. Safe church. Connie Harrasymiw and Greg Joseph agreed to work on this to keep track of who has completed their certifications. Most members of the vestry are up-to-date,

Don Ghostlaw, Cheryl Chadsey, and Bruce Duncan will need to be certified. Go to diocesan website to find information on Safe Church training sessions. Please take care of getting certified or recertified.

- d. Gardening. Carol Jones. James Milne will be tending to our gardens soon, starting with the memorial garden.
  - e. Mission & Outreach. Connie Harrasymiw moved that a check in the amount of \$500 to the Wethersfield Social Services backpack program for school supplies, second by Kathy Cole. Motion passes unanimously. The second motion to assist St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the amount of \$500 for their food pantry, second by Kathy Cole. Motion passes unanimously. Both motions approved.
  - f. Charles Wright School. Connie Harrasymiw. Connie will make an announcement at Sunday's service to let parish members know what they can contribute.
8. Closing prayer. Kathy Cole.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm

Minutes respectfully submitted

By Melanie Hepburn 6/20/2024