

Trinity Parish Wethersfield, Vestry Meeting

October 17, 2024

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

Absent: Rob Heath

6:32pm Meeting called to order

1. Opening prayer. Carol Jones. Vestry members participated in a prayer circle.
2. Acceptance of minutes from September 19th. Motion to accept minutes made by Greg Joseph, second by Cheryl Chadsey. No discussion. Minutes accepted unanimously.
3. Financial report for September 2024. Motion to accept the financial report made by Greg Joseph, second by Carol Jones. Minor discussion. Report accepted unanimously.
4. Additional items for agenda – all under Old Business: Seabury Room, Nominating Committee, Common Chalice.
5. Meeting with Bishop Mello. Carol Jones. Prior to his celebrating the Eucharist on 11/17, he met with wardens to attend to details of the service. Following the service, the Bishop will attend the coffee hour, and meet with the vestry at 11:30am. He asked for a copy of our 2025 Goals and planning list.
6. Memorial Garden. Connie Harasymiw. Joyce Tomlinson and Connie Harasymiw will research what options are available to extend our capacity, which only has one spot left. One idea is to have a scatter garden. The diocese now prohibits the practice of purchasing spots in advance. If any other members of the vestry are interested in this project, please contact Connie Harasymiw.
7. Old Business
 - a. Nominating committee. Don Ghostlaw. The committee will be Garth, Tina, Don, and Barbara Cosgrove. Judy Shaw is not able. The committee will meet next week.
 - b. Common Cup. Carol Jones. The announcement that we will be returning to the Common Cup and doing away with the individual chalices was sent out for several weeks. Carol spoke with everyone who has been using the individual chalices and they all agreed that they will either receive at the altar rail or have the chalice brought to them.
 - c. Seabury Room. Rebecca Scruton. Donna, Annmarie and Rebecca have been working on refurbishing the room, with an eye towards the knitting group that

uses the room most regularly. Three options were presented – 4 chairs and 2 sofas at a cost of \$3123.99; 2 sofas, 2 loveseats at a cost of \$3347.99; 2 sofas, 1 loveseat and 2 chairs at a cost of \$3225.99. Rebecca will bring samples to the next meeting. They are still gathering information for curtain options.

- d. ADA Parish Hall access for wheelchairs. Connie Harasymiw. The sanctuary is accessible to wheelchair or power chair. However, we cannot get power chairs up to coffee hour (cannot use the lift). Bullock representatives came to scope out the building and recommended a vertical lift that would allow access to both the parish hall and the lower level. The cost would be \$65,000 for the equipment, in addition to the cost of the architect, installation, etc – around \$100,000. Next 101 Mobility representative did not have much to offer. Third representative from Elevator Services recommended the incline lifts – one to go down to the lower level and one to come up to the parish hall. He has installed these in many places and has not noticed unusual maintenance issues if the weight limit is not exceeded. Warren will be drawing up a proposal as well as have the Fire Marshal review. The next issue is how to get the public from the street to the parish hall which would mean a significant ramp installed to the front of the building.
- e. Motions from Warren – see the materials from Connie
 - i. Motion for the new sink for the sexton's room to support the improvement of the kitchen (slop sink). Joe Cantin – motion to accept made by Kathy Cole, seconded by Don Ghostlaw. No discussion. Approved unanimously. Motion passes.
 - ii. Signage. Motion to approve 6 indoor signs in maroon with white lettering, and several exterior signs. Motion to accept made by Greg Joseph, seconded by Kathy Cole. No discussion. Approved unanimously. Motion passes.
 - iii. Holidays on Main on Thursday, 12/5. Melissa Pavic. Proposal to have groups singing carols, hot chocolate and candy canes, extra carol books, sign advertising, holiday lights, fire pit.
- f. We reviewed the project list and noted progress on many items.
- g. Vestry minutes disbursement. Connie Harasymiw. Positive feedback and we will continue to hand them out on Sunday following vestry meetings.

8. Closing prayer. Carol Jones.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melanie Hepburn 10/17/2024