

Vestry Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 19 December 2019

Present: Rose Riley, Denise Paternostro, Fr. Tom Furrer, Rob Heath, Carol Jones,
Leslie Jones, Tina LaMorte, Judy Shaw, Linda Traue

Absent: Warren Blessing, Deacon Darryl Burke, Cheryl Lewis

Chaplain: Rebecca Scruton

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

I. Opening Worship was led by Rebecca

II. Mission and Ministry Discussion: Fr. Tom told the story of an inner-city church in Philadelphia that had been closed but was reopened with a newly ordained, 70-year-old pastor (pub. in The Christian Century). The pastor focused on “listening” to both the neighborhood and the building before starting any programs. Today the church serves the needs of a growing community of commuters and the local, poor people. The Eucharist is celebrated weekdays, not Sundays; lunches and sleeping mats are provided for the homeless. The rich history of the church was revealed both physically (opening the vault) and through storytelling to connect the past to the present. Flexibility of the physical space enabled the church to be an open, sacred place for all. Social media played a critical role in getting the word out about renewed life in the church. The take-home message for us that we could do more to show ourselves to the community. We can learn about the people walking past our church and consider ways to serve their needs. Vestry members made several suggestions e.g. serving lunches and offering Tai Chi classes.

III. Consent Agenda

Items on the consent agenda: Minutes of the Nov 21, 2019 meeting
Financial Report for November 2019

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda (Denise/Judy)

Motion was carried.

IV. Upcoming Events

- Lessons and Carols - Sunday December 22nd, 9 am
- Christmas Eve Service with Pageant – December 24th, 4 pm. Mulled cider to be served at the back of the sanctuary after the service.
- Christmas Day Service– December 25th, 10 am
- Three-Kings Sunday - January 5th, 2020, 9 am
- Pasta Supper to raise funds for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, coordinated by Hannah Desrochers, Friday January 10th, 2020, 6-9 pm. in the parish hall.
- Ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev. Darryl Burke, Deacon - February 18th, 2020

V. Old Business

i. 2020 Operating Budget

Motion: To approve the 2020 Operating Budget (Rose/Carol)

Amendment: To introduce a line item for Outreach and Mission in the 2020 Budget equal

to 5% of the total income (Leslie/Judy).
The amendment carried with one opposed.

Amendment to the first Amendment: In order to balance the budget, the expected non-pledge income will be increased to balance the deficit caused by the increase in the Outreach and Mission line item. (Rose/Denise)

The amendment carried with one opposed and one abstention

Final Motion: To approve the 2020 Operating Budget that includes a line item for Outreach and Mission equal to 5% of the expected income and an increase in the non-pledge income to balance the budget. (Rose/Carol)

The motion was carried with one opposed and one abstention.

Note: 5% of the total expected income is \$7,625 and therefore, the expected non-pledge income was increased by \$5,125 to \$7,625.

ii. Property Update

Rose reported that the repair of the roof leak near the old sacristy is scheduled to be completed shortly depending on weather conditions (which impact the contractors schedule.) The upgrade to the heating and A/C systems is complete and within the allocated budget.

iii. Rental of Office Space by Tri-town YMCA

The agreement with Tri-town YMCA to rent office space at Trinity was signed earlier this month. Tri-town YMCA has also signed off on all Trinity documents relating to rental of space and has provided proof of insurance. The child development director, Sarah Marquis, will be moving in shortly.

VI. New Business

i. Date of the Annual Meeting

Motion: To approve Sunday, February 2, 2020 as the date for the 2020 Annual Meeting. (Denise/Leslie)

The motion was carried.

ii. Additional Chairs for Parish Hall Seating

Motion: To approve up to \$500 for the purchase of 4 to 6 sturdy chairs with arms for the parish hall. (Warren/Tina)

The motion was carried.

Several parish members require seating with more support than afforded by the folding chairs currently used.

VIII. Closing

The closing prayer was given by Fr. Tom

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Jones

Parish Clerk