

Vestry Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 24 October 2019

Present: Rose Riley, Denise Paternostro, Fr. Tom Furrer, Warren Blessing, Deacon Darryl Burke, Rob Heath, Carol Jones, Leslie Jones, Tina LaMorte, Cheryl Lewis, Judy Shaw, Linda Traue

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

I. Opening Worship was led by Fr. Tom and Deacon Darryl

II. Mission and Ministry Discussion: Judy talked about her work for Amplify Inc (formerly known as the North Central Regional Mental Health Board). They conduct evaluations of the services funded by the Dept. Mental Health and Addiction Services and help to give voice to consumers, family members, and the many organizations that have a stake in healthy citizens and communities (www.amplifyinc.org). Fr. Tom proposed that we consider coordinating and extending our various outreach activities to troubled persons in our neighborhoods, particularly the homeless, who frequently suffer from addiction problems.

III. Consent Agenda

Items on the consent agenda: Minutes of the Sept 26, 2019 meeting
Financial Reports for September 2019

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda (Cheryl/Warren)
Motion was carried.

IV. Upcoming Events

- Annual Convention - October 26th and 27th
- Remembrance Sunday - November 3rd, 9 am
- Stewardship campaign begins - November 10, 9 am
- Sal's Concert for Outreach - November 16th, 7 pm
- Honest Conversations - November 17th, 1 pm
- Ingathering Sunday - November 24th, 9 am
- Community Meal, Christ Church Cathedral - November 25th
- Sugarplum Fair - Saturday, November 23rd, 9 am - 2 pm
- Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Trinity, Tuesday, Nov 26th, 7 pm
- Lessons and Carols - Sunday December 22nd, 9 am

V. Old Business

i. Property Committee

The repair of the leak in the slate roof in the narthex is finished; three other projects are still ongoing, namely the repair of the roof leak near the old sacristy, the exterior trim repair and painting, and the work on the sanctuary heating and A/C system.

ii. Update on Grant Request.

Warren is working on the first draft of a grant to the Diocese to request \$8,000 towards the cost of the parish hall renovations. The deadline is December 2019.

VI. New Business

i. 2020 Annual Budget

The first draft of the budget will be distributed by email in advance of the November meeting. Discussion of the budget will be the major item on the November agenda.

ii. Active Aggressor Workshop for Parishes

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wethersfield is hosting a workshop on Responding to an Active Aggressor presented by The Connecticut State Police Training Academy on Oct. 29. Several vestry members plan to attend.

iii. Stewardship

The campaign begins on Sunday, November 10 and ends with Ingathering Sunday on November 24th. A parish member will speak about the importance of stewardship at each Sunday service. A stewardship letter will be mailed to the parish on October 31st and printed in the Belfry; a follow-up letter will be mailed on November 9.

iv. Defibrillator

We are considering purchasing a defibrillator package for Trinity such as the Phillips HeadStart AED Defibrillator (\$1,275). The wardens would like to find someone with experience in the use of defibrillators to assist in making in this decision.

v. Tri-Town YMCA in Wethersfield is looking for office space to rent for their director. We have a suitable room in the basement. Rose will follow-up.

VIII. Closing

Closing prayer was given by Fr. Tom.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 21 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Jones

Parish Clerk