

Trinity Parish Vestry Meeting

September 21, 2023

Attendees: Garth Myers, Carol Jones, Connie Harasymiw, Cheryl Chadsey, Kathy Cole, Bruce Duncan, Rob Heath, Melanie Hepburn

Absent: Susanna Brown, Charles Melchreit

Guest: Joan Joseph

Minutes

1. 6:31pm Meeting called to order.
2. Opening prayer. Garth Myers. Haudenosaunee Great Law of Peace, Article 7.
3. Mission and Outreach. Joan Joseph. Joan Joseph and Ann Marie Stavola have spent considerable time assembling materials for the Mission and Outreach Committee, producing a flier and requesting assistance from parish members. Three parishioners have stepped up to take over the connection with Wethersfield Social Services. Joan is collecting information from every group that has been involved in Mission and Outreach activities over the course of the year, for example the car fund for the Issa family, collection for the Kateri Medical Mission, Nigerian Scholarship, etc. The principle will be that every group will need to make a request each year, regardless of the historic relationship with the parish. Key leaders for each of the projects undertaken in 2023 will report on action, budget, etc. The goal is to have more information for other parishioners who might want to either take a leadership role or assist in any of these projects. The reports will cover collections (mac and cheese collections), fund raising and activities (cathedral dinners, Syrian family support, tapestry singers), monetary contribution directly from Trinity's accounts (for example the Wethersfield School District backpack program). (see attachment A for details).
 - a. Motion to Garth Myers, second by Don Ghostlaw. Donna \$500 to support the Keane Foundation for enrichment program. Vote approved unanimously, motion passes.
 - b. Motion made by Connie Harasymiw, second by Garth Myers. Request to move \$1500 to support St. Vincent Center for Children with Disabilities in Port au Prince, Haiti. Vote approved unanimously, motion passes.
 - c. Motion made by Connie Harasymiw, second by Don Ghostlaw. Move \$2500 from the Mission and Outreach account to Wethersfield Fuel Bank. Vote approved unanimously, motion passes.
 - d. Motion made by Connie Harasymiw, second by Kathy Cole. Move \$500 to Detective Robert "Bobby" Garten Memorial Fund. Vote approved unanimously, motion passes.
4. Motion to accept minutes made by Connie Harasymiw, second by Garth Myers. Correction noted by Kathy Cole. Vote to accept with correction approved unanimously, motion passes.
5. Financial Report. Rob Heath. Rob reviewed the financial report from August 2023, with modifications to the operation budget such as things like rector's salary (we aren't currently paying a rector), and correction for a double entry back in February. Currently expenses are under income. Reviewed report on restricted account – funds to Nigerian scholarship, and Issa Car Fund. Memorial Garden – members who are no longer in the locale are eligible to receive a refund if they wish. Investment account shows a decrease due to market fluctuations. Motion to

accept August report made by Connie Harasymiw, second by Garth Myers. Vote to approve unanimous, motion passes.

6. Audit report. Rob Heath. Rob sent audit report to vestry members, including questions and responses between treasurer and auditor. Report is ready to be submitted to the diocese. Motion to accept report made by Connie Harasymiw, second by Don Ghostlaw. Vote approved unanimously, motion passes.
7. Budget for FY 2024. Rob Heath. Rob reminded the wardens and vestry members to consider any special concerns or projects they would like to have included in next year's budget. The draft budget will be presented to the vestry at the November meeting with the final version to be voted on in December.
8. New business.
 - a. Nominating Committee. Connie Harasymiw. Barbara Cosgrove, Rose Riley, Susan Whitehouse, and Judith Shaw were voted in as the nominating committee at the Annual Meeting. Vestry members who were elected originally for a two-year term will be asked if they wish to serve an additional year. One member of the vestry will need to contact the Nominating Committee to let them know to convene. Connie will contact Rose and officially convene the Nominating Committee.
 - b. Stewardship Drive. Connie Harasymiw. October will be stewardship month. A letter will be going out to the parish next week. Speakers have been identified. A second letter will be going out later in October. Fr. Shaw will be celebrating on Pledge Sunday, October 22nd.
9. Old business.
 - a. Livestreaming. Don Ghostlaw. High-speed internet has been installed. Don has tested it. Within 4-5 weeks we should be able to start streaming.
10. Worship committee. Garth Myers. The Healing Eucharist has started with a successful first run. Bruce asked if there would be some rehearsals to prepare for the Lessons and Carols service on December 17th. Carol reported there will be an organist for all but three Sundays between now and the end of December – there will be an organist for Lessons and Carols.
11. Closing prayer. Garth Myers.

8:10pm Meeting adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melanie Hepburn 9/21/2023