

September 15, 2022

Trinity Parish Vestry Minutes

Attendance: Warren Blessing, Rebecca Scruton, Garth Myers, Carol Jones, Peter Dewberry, Sarah Butters, Rob Heath, Don Ghostlaw, Susanna Brown, Melanie Hepburn.

Absent: Charles Melchreit.

Minutes

6:35pm

1. Opening prayer. Rebecca Scruton.
2. Dwelling in the Word. Rebecca Scruton. Job 28:20-28. Members read through the passage, reflected on the line/s that stood out. Questions members were asked to respond to included “how do you feel yourself responding?” and “What’s God’s personal invitation to each one of us for our own journey? As leaders of Trinity?”
3. Minutes from 8/18/2022. Warren Blessing. Susanna Brown moved to accept, Rob Heath seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Minutes are accepted.
4. Financial report. Warren Blessing. Motion to accept by Garth Myers, second by Carol Jones. Rob Heath discussed report, including usual fluctuations over summer months. Designated restricted account activity was primarily scholarships for Nigerian students for \$7000. Checking account balance is \$36,000. Overall expenses and overall income were lower. Report accepted unanimously.
5. Additions to agenda. Carol Jones will bring up something under new business. Sarah Butters asked if anyone would be interested in joining Swords into Plowshares on October 1st at Church of the Good Shepherd – it could be announced during Sunday announcements and an eblast. Sarah Butters will announce on Sunday.

6. Old Business.

Property update. Warren Blessing.

- Utility audit is on-going. Warren has been working with an experienced consultant and the process has been a bit complicated. A lot of attention has been paid to various lighting options. There will be more light, we are moving to 3000 kelvins in the chandeliers and the flood lights. We will not be able to utilize the lighting rheostats due to our old wiring.

- Thermostat options are being considered, with a view towards optimal use and cost savings. Meetings and repricing are still being done.
- Window replacement project for the Seabury Room is proceeding, looking for additional quotes. This job will take multiple vendors to complete the repair of the windows.
- Roof repair for the alligator pit quotes are also being gathered. We have some detailed quotes, but need additional work defined.
- A volunteer (s) is needed to lead the ADA project. This will improve access to those people who have disabilities.

7. Committee restructure. Rebecca Scruton. We have been publishing our committee needs in the Belfry. Special Events, Kitchen Maintenance (several parishioners have stepped up), Outdoor Beautification, Hospitality (ushers, greeters and follow-up), Communications – eblast, Belfry covered, but we are still missing someone to reach out to papers etc, Social Events (potlucks, game nights, dances). Lay visitors and lay leaders – paperwork has been submitted to the diocese. Once permissions have been received, teams will be established and deployed. Morning prayer and leaders have been identified and there is excitement. Eucharistic ministers are needed as well. (Garth Myers recommended meeting with Carol to set up a rotation of eucharistic ministers.)

8. Parish administrator. Garth Myers. We have great news to announce that a new parish administrator, Maryann Drennan has been hired to start on October 10th, likely to continue same schedule of Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday. Thanks to Donna Brown and Joan Joseph for helping to polish up the description, also with help from Maryann who served as parish administrator twice. She will come in on October 4th for some training with Linda. The plan is to have her work October-December under the current description, to be reassessed and revised if needed, and then she would sign a formal letter of agreement for 2023. She is coming in with considerable knowledge and experience. There was a conversation regarding a departing gift for Linda, the general consensus was that a cash gift would be best.

9. New Business.

- Audit review. Rob Heath. The audit was reviewed and discussed. Vestry members expressed their thanks for Rob's work.
- Stewardship. Rebecca Scruton. Connie Harasymiw and Donna Brown will be heading up our Stewardship program this year. Rose Reilly, Ray Colburn, and Garth Myers will be giving the homilies on 10/9/2022, 10/16/2022 and 10/23/2022. The letters

will be going out 9/27/2022 and 10/10/2022, the second of which will include luncheon reservations, and the pledge cards to be returned by 10/16 and the final Sunday will be 10/23/2022.

- Nominating committee. Warren Blessing stated they are ready to begin. The committee is comprised of Rose Reilly, Lynda Blessing, Jenifer Gebhardt, and Susan Whitehouse. Carol Jones volunteered to contact Rose Reilly to activate the nominating committee.
- Transition plan. Rebecca Scruton. On Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30, there will be a zoom vestry meeting to meet with Amber Page Geer from the Diocese will be meeting with us and review our process. They will determine whether we are searching for a quarter-time, half-time, or three quarter-time priest. The regular vestry meeting will follow 2 days later on Thursday, October 20th.
- Carol Jones asked on behalf of Tiny Lamorte if we could hold a Qi Chong class in the parish hall. Warren Blessing suggested that Tina contact him directly.
- The Blessing of the Animals is coming up – Carol asked about posting a notice for the event on October 2nd, 2pm. Warren suggested posting in the Rare Reminder for free.

10. Closing prayer. Rebecca Scruton.

11. Motion to adjourn made by Garth Myers, second by Carol Jones.

8:35pm meeting adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted

By Melanie Hepburn, 9/15/2022