

Trinity Parish Vestry meeting

Minutes

July 21, 2022

Attendees: Warren Blessing, Rebecca Scruton, Garth Myers, Rob Heath, Carol Jones, Sarah Butters, Charles Melchreit, Peter Dewberry, Melanie Hepburn.

Absent: Susanna Brown, Tom Furrer.

Guests: Connie Harasymiw.

1. Meeting called to order 6:35pm.
2. Open prayer led by Rebecca Scruton.
3. Dwelling in the Word. The vestry read Romans 12:1-21. Members were asked to identify a meaningful word or phrase, consider what it says about 'the body', who is the Spirit's invitation to you personally as a part of Christ's body, and what might be the best way to move forward with your invitation especially as we move into a time without a priest.
4. Monthly reports
 - a. Approval of the minutes from previous meeting. Motion to approve by Garth Myers, second by Rob Heath. Minutes approved unanimously.
 - b. June financial report. Motion to accept report by Rebecca Scruton, and second by Don Ghostlaw. Rob Heath reviewed the reports, with comments by Charles Melchreit. Income has been down, though expected to improve as per usual practice moving from summer to fall. \$2,850 transferred from the Memorial Gift-Designated account to Misc. Income to cover ½ year of organist expense. \$3,381 was transferred from the Sale of the Rectory account to Property Improvements to cover the energy savings project. In general, overall values of investment are down due to current market activity. Report accepted unanimously.
 - c. Addition to agenda – topic of By Laws, Shut-ins. Rebecca Scruton reported on the status of parishioners who are housebound.
5. Old Business
 - a. Outreach proposal. Warren Blessing. Last month Connie Harasymiw and Sarah Butters presented a proposal for standing outreach committee, as a sub-committee of the vestry. After a month of consideration, the vestry responded to the proposal. After discussion, a motion was made as follows - move that the standing committee for mission and outreach consist of 2 or more vestry members and interested parishioners. Don seconded. Motion was unanimously accepted.
 - b. Property update. Warren Blessing. The energy audit and related project is underway. The exterior lights have been purchased. The sanctuary ceiling repair and painting has been completed. Based on feedback from last month, Warren is looking for volunteers to help with the ADA project. Quotes have been received re the window project. Roof leak – trying to locate vendors. Moving forward on the streaming project.
 - c. Committee restructure. Rebecca Scruton. Moving into a new era when we will be served by different supply priests. Also coming out of COVID, it is a time of redefining who we are. In terms of lay leadership – to lead morning prayer, lay visiting, and lay readers.

Trainings for those ministries will be held on coming Saturdays. Other committees include Christian Formation/Spiritual Deepening, Special Events, Kitchen Maintenance, Hospitality, Outdoor Beautification, Sexton Duties, Media, Altar Guild, etc. Vestry members were asked to either consider leading up one of these committees and recruiting parishioners to participate.

- d. Transition. Warren Blessing. A few supply priests have been identified and scheduled to serve for the remainder of the calendar year. We are also working with the diocese on this need.
6. New Business.
- a. By-Laws. Warren Blessing. Any recommendations to changes to our By-Laws should be presented and discussed by Vestry and must be presented and voted on at the Annual Meeting. Members were asked to review them, consider changes, and make recommendations – for example, changing the terms of vestry participation from 2 years to 3 years.
7. Meeting adjourned 8:27pm.

Minutes submitted respectfully

By Melanie Hepburn

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