

Trinity Parish Vestry Meeting, October 21, 2021

Attendees: Peter Dewberry, Sarah Butters, Melanie Hepburn, Carol Jones, Connie Harrasymiw, Greg Joseph, Anne Marie Stavola, Warren Blessing, Father Tom Furrer, Rob Heath, Rebecca Scruton, JR Stanko.

Meeting called to order, 6:35pm.

1. Opening prayer, Fr. Tom.
2. Dwelling in the Word. Connie Harrasymiw. 2 Corinthians 9:6-14. The members were asked to read this passage twice, first considering personal material possessions, and second time considering in terms of personal gifts/values/talents, and share as moved. This lesson was chosen specifically with stewardship in mind. Phrases that struck vestry members included “give joyfully”, “those in need are helped and they overflow with thanks to God”, “the godly man/woman gives generously to the poor.” Members were asked to consider what God is asking of each us.
3. Reports
 - a. Motion to accept minutes – Greg Joseph moved, and second by Carol Jones. Discussion. Minutes accepted unanimously.
 - b. Audit report. Rob Heath. The audit report was reviewed and no comments were expressed. Motion to accept the report for 2021, moved by Tom Furrer, second by Greg Joseph. Report accepted unanimously.
 - c. Financial report. Rob Heath. Motion to accept the September financial report, Greg Joseph moved and second by Carol Jones. Rob commented that the pledge and non-pledge are running as expected. On the expense side, we continue to run under budget for building and outreach. Investment balance went down in September, probably due to timing, no concern. Report accepted unanimously.
 - d. Additions to agenda. Fr. Tom Furrer reported that Ginger has a positive report from Honduras. Peter Dewberry asked about the location of the soup sale in support of Ginger’s activities scheduled for 11/14 and whether that event could be held indoors. Logistics will be reviewed. Several new outreach projects were proposed. Peter raised looking into Hartford Bags of Love.
4. Old Business
 - a. Safe Church. Greg Joseph reported there is still work going on to collect certificates for historic records (2019).
 - b. Update on Consecration Sunday. Connie Harrasymiw. Everything is going very smoothly. Garth spoke last week and Rose will be presenting this coming Sunday. Consecration Sunday cards will be distributed for members to acknowledge whether or not they will be attending the lunch that will be held. Members were reminded of meeting and dinner with Stewardship Team on November 1, 5-7pm.
 - c. Property update. Warren Blessing. The carpet in the basement has been cleaned, dried, and has passed the test for mold. Last Sunday there was a plumbing problem and the water had to be turned off. Joseph Abate the plumber came and fixed the issue. The invoice has been received. The walkway work is underway. Gutters have been cleaned and the fire extinguishers have been checked. Interior repair and painting of the sanctuary walls. A quote has been received. Motion to approve to get on his calendar.

1. Motion to repair and paint sanctuary walls by Driscoll Painting not to exceed \$3500. Rebecca Scruton moved and Greg Joseph second. Motion passes unanimously.
 - d. Covid policy update. Rebecca Scruton reported the committee has gathered and discussed an updated policy. Warren asked that Rebecca take Peter's question to the committee to consider the soup sale logistics.
 5. New Business.
 - a. Name standard. Warren Blessing. Reminded members to use official name "Trinity Parish" on official documents, reports, minutes, stationery, etc.
 - b. Howling Hound Dogs. Fr. Tom reported on the upcoming concert on 10/23. Sal Basile from the parish will be joining in the concert at St. Andrews in Rocky Hill.
 - c. Outreach. Sarah Butters. 2 proposals were presented. First proposal concerned offering parish-led ESL classes. The style of classes would be conversational, which would not require pedagogical training. Kim Bobin who has run ESL classes at the town library recommended offering classes on Tuesday/Thursdays, as another group of classes are already available on Monday/Wednesday. The idea would be to offer classes upstairs in the parish hall. Second proposal is to have a prayer booth on the front lawn, peopled by members, to offer to pray extemporaneously. Peter Dewberry is experienced in training volunteers in offering prayer. Rebecca suggested that Sarah approach the prayer team with her idea. (Peter mentioned previous conversation with Fr. Tom re offering healing or special prayers. Once we have new Covid policy, this might be considered. One objective is to normalize prayer.)
 6. Nominating committee. Connie Harraysimiw. Connie indicated that our Bylaws state that one of the out-going vestry members is to call and convene the nominating committee. The nominating committee is Rose Riley, Lynda Blessing, Jennifer Gebhardt and Susan Whitehouse. Greg Joseph offered to convene the committee.
 7. Closing prayers offered by members.
 8. Motion to adjourn Carol and Warren
- Meeting ended at 8:25pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted
By M. Hepburn, 11/14/2021