

Vestry Meeting Approved Minutes
Thursday September 27, 2018

Present: Rose Riley, Denise Paternostro, Warren Blessing, Donna Brown, Ray Colburn, Rob Heath, Carol Jones, Judy Shaw and Jerry Stavola.

Absent: Garth Myers

Chaplain: Rebecca Scruton

Guests: Connie Harasymiw, Marilyn Ford

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

I. Opening Worship led by Rebecca.

II. Minutes for August 23, 2018 vestry meeting were accepted with one correction.

III. Treasurer's report for August 2018 was accepted as presented.

Comments: August income was \$2,000 under budget, \$1,900 over for the year. Expenses for August were under budget by \$5,800 and under by \$3,000 for the year. Pledge income for August was \$1,000 under budget but \$5,500 over for the year. \$7,800 for the replacement air conditioner and \$425 for asbestos testing were transferred to the Physical Improvements account.

i. Overview of 2019 Budget.

The preliminary draft will assume that income and expenses will continue at the same level as 2018. There is no information currently on recommended salary increases. The Diocesan assessment is decreased by \$5,000. The first draft of the 2019 will be presented to vestry at the October meeting.

ii. 2018 Financial Audit has been satisfactorily completed.

IV. Wardens' Report

i. Upcoming events to note:

- Oct. 7, 4 pm Blessing of the Animals service, led by The Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton
- Oct. 26,27 Annual meeting of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, Mystic
- Oct. 28 All-Parish Stewardship meeting and brunch
- Nov. 10 Golden Oldies Concert fundraiser for Outreach
- Nov. 11 Ingathering Sunday
- Nov. 17 Sugar Plum Fair
- Dec. 8 Diocesan Boot Party at Christ Church Cathedral to benefit the homeless

ii. Trinity Tee Shirt Sale

A total of fifty-nine shirts were sold which generated a profit of just over \$200. The money will support our scholarship program in Nigeria

iii. Stewardship

The Season of Stewardship is October 7th through November 11th. The theme for this year is Joy-Hope-Give. We will invite members to reflect on the following questions:

What is your greatest joy at Trinity? What is your greatest hope for Trinity? How will you give to help Trinity best serve God in this world? Each Sunday, a parish member will share his/her reflection at the end of the Sunday service.

iv. The ESL school will start on Oct 2.

V. Old Business

i. Property Update

- a. Office Wing Lighting: completed
- b. Parish Ceiling Tiles: An update on the progress will be placed in the Belfry.
- c. Painting Parish Hall Restrooms: completed.
- d. The Trinity Church sign on the front lawn is being repainted.

ii. 2019 Nominating Committee

The nominating committee of Rebecca Scruton, Connie Harasymiw, Marilyn Ford and Donna Brown presented their approach to finding officers for the 2019 slate.

MOTION: Any candidate that has been put forward on the slate by the nominating committee and does not yet meet the requirements as put for in the Canons of the ECC be allowed to go forward with the election process and if elected, serve provisionally until requirements are met. If requirements are not met by 6 months after the election, such vestry member will meet with the rector to discuss their continued membership on the vestry. (Denise/Donna)

The motion was carried.

VI. New Business

i. Grant for St. Thomas Clinics/Kateri Hospital

MOTION: To donate \$2,000 to the St. Thomas Clinics to help fund building of a new hospital. (Denise/Rose)

The motion was carried.

Rationale: Fr. Tom Furrer has invited Trinity to be the sponsoring parish on a grant Proposal to be submitted to the Episcopal Sustainable Development Fund. If successful, the funds will support the St. Thomas Clinics that work in partnership with the Kateri Medical Mission. To demonstrate our commitment to this outreach work in Nigeria, we propose donating \$2,000 from a memorial gift restricted account.

ii. Music Licensing Software

MOTION: To approve purchase of a one-year license from St. James Music Press for \$139.00 using funds from the Music restricted account. (Rose/Carol)

The motion was carried.

Rationale: This year, Trinity purchased a music licensing software product, OneLicense, that allows use of music for congregational singing from a variety of hymnals. A one-year license from St. James Music Press will broaden our access to modern and traditional anthems and pieces for congregational singing. The 2019 budget input will include funding for the license renewals if we decide to continue using them.

iii. Outdoor Nativity Scene

Motion: To approve up to \$450 to purchase nativity figures for a creche on our front lawn.
(Rose/Denise)

Fr. Tom Furrer and the wardens proposed that we set up a nativity creche on the front lawn during Advent. This would draw attention to Trinity and help tell the story of who we are. In discussion, it was realized that considerable work and expense would be involved in building the actual creche and securing it on the lawn. There might not be time to complete the project before the Advent season this year. Warren will meet with Fr. Furrer to discuss the project further. No action was taken on the motion at this time.

VII. Closing

The meeting was closed in prayer by Rebecca at 9:14 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 25 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A Jones
Parish Clerk