# Vestry Meeting Draft Minutes
## Thursday, 28 March 2019

**Present:**  Rose Riley, Denise Paternostro, Fr. Tom Furrer, Warren Blessing, Rob Heath,
Carol Jones, Leslie Jones, Tina LaMorte. Cheryl Lewis, Judy Shaw**,** Linda Traue,
**Vestry Chaplain:** Rebecca Scruton
 **Guest:** Connie Harasymiw

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

 I.  Opening Worship was led by Rebecca.

II. Mission and Ministry: Ministries at Trinity
    These include: Christian Formation, Communications, Evangelism, Fellowship, Finance
    Administration, Fundraising, Outreach, Parish Management, Pastoral Care, Property
    Management, Stewardship, and Worship. (See Appendix 1 for complete list).
    Tom encouraged vestry members to consider if they are being called to any of these
    Ministries and could act as a liaison to the vestry.  The men's group should be added to the
    list. A special need is someone to coordinate the pastoral care work including sending cards
    and organizing meals for people who are temporarily homebound.

    We discussed various ways to increase our visibility e.g. sidewalk activities, booth at
    Cornfest; and also, ways to draw more people into closer fellowship within our community
    e.g. friendship dinners and an ECW chapter.

 III. Consent Agenda (2 Items): Minutes of the February 28, 2019 meeting
                                Financial Report for February 2019
    **Motion:** To approve the consent agenda (Rose/Cheryl)
            Motion was carried.

 IV. Wardens' Report

   i. Upcoming Events
      Quiet Day Retreat, March 30, *The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life*
      Maundy Thursday April 18, 7 pm at Trinity
      Good Friday April 19, including the Stations of the Cross at noon  at Trinity
      Tenebrae April 19, 7 pm at St Paul's

      7th Annual Spring Training & Gathering, April 27th, 9 am – 4 pm at Berlin High School, 39
      Patterson Way, Berlin, CT. Registration up to March 31is $15. Program may be viewed at:
      https:www.episcopalct.org/FileRepository/DownloadFile.aspx?FileID=1748

      Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Fundraising Dinner, April 12, St. Andrews 6PM
      Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Food Packaging, May 4th 9-12 St. Andrews

      Sal Basile, *From the Fifties to Now* Concert, April 27th 7PM (To benefit Trinity 150)
      Sal Basile, *Golden Oldies* Concert, June 8th 7PM (To benefit Outreach)

V. Property Committee Report
   i Energy audit is continuing using a private company at zero cost to Trinity. Insulation of the parish hall is delayed until this is complete.
   ii. Painting of the three basement rooms is finished (see Old Business (i)).
   iii. Grant for $8,000 from the Diocese Building Grant will be submitted at the end of year.
   iv. The list of Capital projects has been updated and includes renovation or retiling of the parish floor.

VI. Old Business
   i. Update on Clothing and Home Goods Storage with Town of Wethersfield Social Services. Connie Harasymiw reported Sean Lawrence has prepared three rooms in the basement for this project. He organized a team to paint the rooms and repair the concrete floors. He contacted hardware stores in town for donations of shelves and clothing racks. Town Social Services has a process for the identification of people in need and a distribution system; we need to work out the process at Trinity. Tina LaMorte and Susan Whitehouse will help. The Town will bring people or send them to us for women or men's clothes, children's clothes including diapers, and household goods. One suggestion is to be open one day per week from 10 am to noon and provid a soup lunch – also available for parishioners.

   ii. Vestry Mission Fund (Allocation of Restricted Funds for Outreach)
   A subcommittee consisting of Leslie Jones, Tina LaMorte, and Judy Shaw met with Fr. Tom and the Wardens to develop this idea. It was clear that more work is necessary before any recommendations can be presented to the vestry.

   iii. Sunday Prayers of the People
   Following discussion on this topic at the last vestry meeting, Fr. Tom and the wardens are recommending that the procedure relating to adding and removing names to the list remain as stated before but that the list of names be read each Sunday.  This revised procedure will be presented to the Worship Committee in April and, with their agreement, be communicated to the parish. The new procedure is described as follows:

   - Names will be added upon request to the parish office for a default period of one month.
   - All names will be read aloud each Sunday and will be included in the list of names in the bulletin.
   - Names which have been on the list for more than a month will be removed unless a request has been made specifically to include that name for more than one month
   - Individuals will <u>not</u> be notified that the names have been removed from the list at the end of the month or at the end of the period if longer than a month.
   - Individuals may request that a name be included on the list for longer than a month, however they must specify an end date on which the name should be removed. This end date can be modified if an individual would like a name to be kept on the list for longer than initially requested.
   - Trinity members who are in nursing homes will remain on the list.

VII. New Business
   i. Ministry of the Month
   On the first Sunday of each month, a Trinity ministry will be highlighted. During the coffee hour, participants in the chosen ministry will talk about their work and invite new

volunteers to join. Worship Ministries were highlighted in March; Property will
be the Ministry of the Month in April.

  ii. New Parish Administrator
Kathy Cole will be retiring as the Trinity Parish Administrator on April 25<sup>th</sup>. A special
coffee hour will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> in her honor. Fr. Tom and the Wardens have
interviewed three candidates for the position. Their decision will be announced soon.

VII. Closing
Closing Prayer was given by Rebecca.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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


Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Jones
Parish Clerk