

January 19, 2023

Trinity Parish Vestry Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting called to order: 6:37pm

1. Opening prayer and Dwelling in the Word. Rebecca Scruton. Deuteronomy 31:1-8. Members read the passage several times through and considered what this passage says about God and about us and transition?
2. Monthly reports.
 - a. Minutes from December 15, 2022. Move to approve by Ghostlaw and second by Melchreit. Vote to approve unanimously, minutes approved.
 - b. Financial reports.
 - i. Motion to accept final November report. Jones moved, Ghostlaw seconded. Rob Heath reviewed final data. Report accepted unanimously.,
 - ii. Motion to accept final December report. Scruton moved, Ghostlaw seconded. Rob Heath reviewed. We spent \$2300 more than we ultimately took in. End of year statements will be going out shortly and may encourage parishioners to contribute any pledges that may be short.
 - iii. Vote to accept November and December reports approved unanimously. Reports accepted.
 - c. Safe Church trainings are available via the Diocese. Vestry members who have not complete their required trainings are encouraged to review.
3. Old Business.
 - a. Transition. Rebecca Scruton. Members were reminded of the transition meeting scheduled for Saturday, 1/21, from 10-12. Vestry should complete the materials individually and bring them to Saturday's meeting where we will be led through the process by GPS. The goal is to have a combined statement that can then be part of the parish-wide process to occur at the Annual Meeting in February.
 - b. Stewardship Realty. Warren Blessing. Brief report re different options of what might be available to either generate some income or provide additional outreach to the community. Stewardship Realty is a program being piloted by ECCT.
 - c. Worship schedule. Rebecca Scruton. Update on rota to now include Father Phil Bjornberg, who has attended a couple of services and has been a regular attendee to Saturday morning's prayer group.
 - d. Property updates. Warren Blessing. Update on the 4 top items – 1. ADA compliance project has had no progress; 2. leaking roof has been addressed; 3. windows in parish hall replacement – side windows – the center ones will be replaced, quotes have been received and average around \$1100 per window or \$6800 to replace all 6. The Seabury window at the front of the Seabury Room has been challenging – Capitol Glass gave a quote of \$3500. Item 4 listed separately.

- i. Motion to approve \$7000 to replace the 6 large center windows on the north side in Parish Hall and Seabury by Capitol Glass of West Hartford. Motion made by Blessing and second by Jones. Vote unanimously to approve. Motion passes.
 - ii. Motion to approve \$4500 to replace the large front window in Seabury room by Capitol Glass of West Hartford, and extra to cover any needed repair and painting of the Seabury room. Motion made by Blessing, second by Butters. Vote unanimously to approve. Motion passes.
 - e. Streaming. Warren Blessing and Don Ghostlaw. Warren and Don walked the members through the need for streaming presence for multiple reasons – recruitment of priest, outreach to homebound members, attract new members. Some materials and costs have been donated. We will need to keep parishioners apprised of developments, have members identified who would be willing for training, and outreach to members who might need assistance getting set up to view. Additional costs for equipment estimated at \$3000, streaming service after first year \$700 per year, high-speed internet monthly cost. These items have already been approved in the budget for AY 2023.
 - f. Annual Meeting. Garth Myers. Reminder that the annual meeting will be Sunday, February 26th following the service. After this Saturday’s meeting, the vestry will have a good foundation to help lead the parish conversation.
4. New Business. Garth Myers. Communication issues. We no longer have a Belfry. Asked everyone to be prayerful and mindful of how to move forward to take on this ministry. Email blast goes out on Thursdays.
5. Motion to adjourn by Blessing, second by Brown.
6. Closing prayer. Rebecca Scruton.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Melanie Hepburn, 1/19/2023