

August 17, 2023

Trinity Parish Wethersfield

Vestry Meeting

Attendees: Garth Myers, Connie Harasymiw, Cheryl Chadsey, Kathy Cole, Bruce Duncan, Rob Heath, Melanie Hepburn, Carol Jones, Don Ghostlaw.

Absent: Charles Melchreit, Susanna Brown.

Minutes:

1. Opening prayer led by Kathy Cole.
2. Approval of minutes from July. Motion to accept the minutes made by Cheryl Chadsey, second by Connie Harasymiw. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Financial report. Rob Heath. July financial report shows us under budget, mostly due to not having a Priest in Charge at present. There will be some payments for supply priest coming. Some recent expenses include reception for Geraldine Lohman, Nigerian scholarships, new stole for Creation Season (to be reimbursed by family). Motion to accept the report by Kathy Cole, second by Cheryl Chadsey. Motion approved unanimously. Rob stated that we should hear soon regarding the audit.
  - a. Additions to agenda. Update regarding Vanguard account. Motion to the vestry authorizes Carol Jones, Warden, and Rob Heath, Treasurer, to sign any documents related to establishing a Vanguard Brokerage Account, and any processes necessary to manage and use the account once established. Motion made by Kathy Cole, second by Cheryl Chadsey. Motion approved unanimously.
  - b. Motion to remove Rebecca Scruton from the Trinity Visa account at Bank of America and to designate Carol Jones and Gail Martin as the primary card holders. Motion made by Garth Myers, second by Connie Harasymiw. Motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Gail Martin update. As part of her 3-month evaluation, which was very positive, the wardens offered her a small increase in salary to \$24/hr.
4. New business
  - a. Healing Eucharist. Bishop Gordon Scruton has offered to institute a healing service once a month on the first Wednesday through the end of the year. Information on how this rite is performed will be included in the newsletter.
  - b. Icon update. The Icon committee approved the removal of first pew in side chapel to allow greater access. On the first Saturday in Advent, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Scruton will offer an advent retreat with the icons.
5. Old business.
  - a. Organist. Phillip Tummescheit will be resigning as of August 30<sup>th</sup>. Cost to hire a supply organist is estimated at \$200/per Sunday. Between now and the end of the calendar year there are 17 Sundays or \$3400. Kathy Cole will contact the Hartt School and organ servicing company for possible organists. Carol Jones will contact Linda. The consensus is to have supply organists as available for the remainder of the calendar year and draw up an ad for publication.

- b. Adult formation. Connie Harasymiw. Several parishioners have offered to give seminars on a variety of topics from Indigenous History, advanced planning for funeral services, and planning for future legal needs. A proposal to have a committee to vet offers, advise on schedule/advertising/access. This is an ongoing conversation.
  - c. Live streaming. Don Ghostlaw. We are partially connected to high-speed internet, which should be active in September.
  - d. Outreach and Mission update. Connie Harasymiw. The brochure and forms have been developed for the parish members to use. The committee is active and ready to offer assistance and guidance.
6. Action items
- a. Kitchen recertification.
  - b. Reaching out to the Hartt School and organ servicing company re potential supply organist.
  - c. Funds have been wired to Bishop Dogo for Africa Education Partnership (\$4000 was collected for scholarships).
  - d. Issa car fund contribution.
7. Closing prayer. Kathy Cole.

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melanie Hepburn 8/17/2023