

Trinity Parish Vestry, Wethersfield February 17, 2022

## Meeting minutes

Attendees: Warren Blessing, Rebecca Scruton, Garth Myers, Tom Furrer, Greg Joseph, Ann Marie Stavola, Carol Jones, Rob Heath, Charles Melchreit, Susanna Brown, Don Ghostlaw, Sarah Butters, Melanie Hepburn, JR Stanko, Leslie Jones for Afghan Update (absent Peter Dewberry.)

6:35pm Meeting called to order.

1. Opening prayer, Fr. Tom.
2. Outgoing vestry members shared before leaving the meeting. Greg welcomed the new members with words of advice and experience. Ann Marie thanked everyone and shared that serving on vestry has been a positive spiritual experience. JR thanked Trinity Parish for the opportunity to serve.
3. Dwelling in the Word. Reading from First Corinthians, chapter 12. Members shared their personal reflections in relation to vestry membership and representatives of our parish community. Gratitude for individual gifts, those we recognize in ourselves and those we recognize in others.
4. Welcome for new vestry members. (Melchreit , Brown, Ghostlaw) Members shared sketches of their path to Trinity.
5. Goals of vestry were reviewed by Fr. Tom. Shared decision making, listening, consensus building, how is God calling us to love our neighbors and change the world. The roles of clergy, wardens and treasurer were briefly described. The role of vestry is to pray for the parish daily, to meet monthly to discuss parish matters, to be a communication link between parishioners and church leaders, to be active in at least one ministry, to be an ambassador of the church to the world.
6. Monthly reports
  - a. Minutes – Carol Jones made motion to accept with one correction, Rebecca Scruton seconded. Warren made edit. Motion passes with edit and was accepted.
  - b. Financial report reviewed by Rob Heath. Motion to accept January report by Carol Jones and seconded by Fr. Tom Furrer. Report accepted.
  - c. Outreach. Leslie presented on the IRIS project. There are now 37 volunteers on 15 different committees, ranging from finances, interpretation to education. Housing is being reviewed, with the expectation of a family of 6-7. Committee is looking for an apartment in Hartford that is close to school, healthcare, transport. The project has already passed the initial goal of \$12K. Any questions should be directed to Donna Brown, the team leader for Trinity.
  - d. Property. Warren.
    - i. North roof has some repairs coming that have already been approved by vestry. Another roof repair is needed above the doorway out to the driveway. While the painting has already been approved, but the repair is needed prior. Two valleys require repair of the dormer. We have extra slates to use for repair, in the future we will need to purchase more. Motion to hire DBL contractor, Doug Lasilla to repair the valleys on the dormers of the south facing hallways not to exceed \$4600. Motion made by Warren, second by Susanna Brown. Motion passes and was accepted.

- ii. Warren was notified by the school district that the FLP program will remain remote for the remainder of the school year.
  - iii. Warren is expecting a quote from a different internet provider that uses fiber optic so that we can do some streaming in the future, which is not supported by Frontier.
- 7. New Business.
  - a. Lenten program. Fr. Tom. Trying something new by holding a program on Sundays directly after the 9:30 service with a lunch provided. Specific spiritual program has yet to be determined. Would allow for fellowship that we have not been able to experience since COVID. There will be a sign-up sheet at the church.
  - b. Parochial report. Warren. The parish is required to present a report to the vestry for approval annually and the report is then forwarded to the diocese. A motion was made by Warren to accept the 2021 Parochial report as presented. Motion seconded by Garth Myers. Charles noted a typo that will be corrected. Motion passes and was accepted.
- 8. Motion to adjourn made by Carol Jones and seconded by Fr. Tom Furrer.
- 9. Closing prayer by Fr. Tom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm  
Minutes respectfully submitted  
By vestry clerk Melanie Hepburn  
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