

Trinity Episcopal Church, Wethersfield
Vestry Meeting
December 17, 2020

Present: The Rev. Tom Furrer (missional priest), Rebecca Scruton (co-warden), Connie Harasymiw (co-warden), Warren Blessing (co-warden), Leslie Jones (clerk), Robert Heath (treasurer), Greg Joseph, Tina LaMorte, Linda Traue, Ann Marie Stavola

Absent: Cheryl Lewis, JR Stanko

The Zoom meeting began at 6:48 pm.

Dwelling in the Word

C. Harasymiw led a guided meditation on 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 and vestry members considered, 1. what God is saying to us individually and 2. what word or phrase would enrich our parish if it was embraced by all. Father Tom gave a reflection on the passage, focusing on stewardship and giving.

Monthly Reports

- *A motion was made by R. Scruton to accept the November 19, 2020 minutes. Seconded by G. Joseph. JR Stanko will be added as a member of the COVID Committee. Unanimously approved.*
- *A motion was made by R. Heath to receive the November budget report. Seconded by W. Blessing. Unanimously received.*

Old Business

- Mission Outreach Update – W. Blessing reported Trinity sent \$350 to Hands on Hartford, \$350 to St. Monica's for their Christmas party, \$2000 to Kateri Medical Services, and \$265 for Lunch in the Park expenses. Non-perishable items are being collected and are going to the Food Bank in Hartford, and next year's schedule for community dinners is set. Also, Shawn's closet is being accessed, primarily by Wethersfield Social Services.
- Connecting — There was a conversation led by C. Harasymiw about keeping in contact with parishioners during Christmas time with handwritten notes.
- Annual Meeting — W. Blessing reported that the Annual Meeting date will probably move to February 21 on Zoom so that there will be ample time to mail out the Annual Report. Whoever receives the mailing will be included as part of the quorum.
- Christmas Plans — Father Tom reported that the safest way to worship for Christmas is online (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). Trinity's Lessons and Carols will be online as well. The last Sunday service will be the Cathedral's Lessons and Carols service.

New Business

- 2021 Budget — R. Heath presented draft 3 of the 2021 budget (attached). *A motion was made by L. Traue to approve the third draft of the 2021 budget as presented by R. Heath. Seconded by C. Harasymiw. Through a discussion, it was agreed that the budget will be adjusted to remove the sexton*

line, add a maintenance line for \$8400, and raise the outreach and mission line to 7% of income. Eight yeas, one nay, one abstention.

A motion was made to allow the wardens and treasurer to transfer up to \$30,000 from the investment fund to the operating account in 2021 in order to balance the budget. Seconded by G. Joseph. Nine yeas, one abstention.

- Safe Church — report/discussion deferred to next month.
- Morning Prayer Leadership — report/discussion deferred to next month.

Closing

Father Tom closed the meeting with prayer at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Jones
Parish Clerk