

Trinity Episcopal Church, Wethersfield
Vestry Meeting
June 25, 2020

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

R. Scruton opened the ZOOM meeting with prayer at 6:35 pm.

Dwelling in the Word

R. Scruton led a guided meditation on Psalm 37:1-9 (Exhortation to Patience and Trust of David) and its implications for vestry members personally and as parish leaders.

Monthly Reports

- *A motion was made to accept the May 21, 2020 minutes. Moved by Tina LaMorte and seconded by Linda Traue. Unanimously approved.*
- *A motion was made to accept the May 28, 2020 minutes. Moved by Tina LaMorte and seconded by Linda Traue.*
- R. Heath presented the Budget Report for the period ending May 31, noting that income and expenses are close to budget projections. *A motion was made by J. R. Stanko to receive the May budget report. Seconded by R. Scruton. Unanimously received.*

Vestry Housekeeping

- D. Burke lead a discussion of Chapter 2: Ministry of the Vestry of the *Vestry Resource Guide* with everyone contributing their thoughts. Chapters 3 and 4 will be reviewed and discussed at the next vestry meeting.

Old Business

- COVID-19 Re-opening and Updates
 - A. C. Harasymiw attends ZOOM meetings with the ECCT bishops and reports to the vestry weekly. The state's Phase 2 reopening began on June 17. ECCT has recommended no in-person worship. If parishes chose to have in-person services, ECCT recommends that any services take place outdoors, all participants wear masks, no communion, over 65 and at-risk congregants are encouraged to stay home, etc. See details in *Guidelines for Houses of Worship* (attached). According to the ECCT chancellor, our liability insurance will provide coverage as long as we do our due diligence in accordance with the guidelines.
 - B. R. Scruton reported last month's survey results. There were 35 respondents answering the three questions as follows:
 1. *When we begin to hold worship services in the church building, with appropriate safety measures in place, would you attend?* 16 yes, 9 no, 17 not sure

2. If we held services out of doors in warmer weather, with appropriate safety measures, would you attend?

23 yes, 9 no, 10 not sure

3. If we continue with online services, would you continue to stay home and participate online?

30 yes, 4 no, 8 not sure

C. *A motion was made by W. Blessing to hold an outdoor Evening Prayer service on Sunday, June 28 at 4 pm with attention to accomplishing our due diligence as outlined by ECCT. JR Stanko seconded. Motion carried with 11 yes, 2 abstain.*

D. The vestry will meet to follow up on the first service via ZOOM at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 30, and discern next steps.

- Parish Discernment Project was tabled until the next meeting of the vestry.

New Business

- A Technology Plan was reviewed by W. Blessing. The Technology Committee includes W. Blessing, J. Joseph and D. Brown.
- W. Blessing reported that the Y Tri-Town Camp will be using Trinity's basement area for summer camp. The camp will have 45 children and will be held 4 days/week to mid-August.
- W. Blessing reported that the Property Committee is updating their Capital Improvement Project list. The vestry can email suggestions to him.

Property Committee Update

Exterior painting has been completed.

Closing

R. Scruton closed the meeting with prayer at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Jones
Parish Clerk