

Trinity Episcopal Church, Wethersfield
Vestry Meeting
July 23, 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, Linda Traue, Ann Marie Stavola

Absent: J.R. Stanko

C. Harasymiw opened the ZOOM meeting with prayer at 6:40 pm.

Dwelling in the Word

C. Harasymiw led a guided meditation on Luke 6:27-38 (The Message) and its implications for vestry members personally and as parish leaders.

Monthly Reports

- *A motion was made to accept the June 25, 2020 minutes (attached). Moved by G. Joseph and seconded by C. Lewis. Unanimously approved.*
- *A motion was made to accept the June 30, 2020 minutes (attached). Moved by G. Joseph and seconded by L. Traue. Unanimously approved.*
- *R. Heath presented the Budget Report for the period ending June 30 (attached). A motion was made by G. Joseph to receive the May budget report. Seconded by W. Blessing. Unanimously received.*

Vestry Housekeeping

- D. Burke lead a discussion of Chapters 3 and 4 of the *Vestry Resource Guide* with respect to vestry leadership and strategic planning. Most of the discussion focused on our mission statement: What is it? Should we change it? Shouldn't everything we do as a vestry and church support our mission statement and vision? The mission statement will be distributed and discussed at the next meeting.

Old Business

COVID-19 Re-opening and Updates

- R. Scruton led a discussion about COVID-19, with vestry members responding to two questions:
1. Since the coronavirus restrictions began in March, what's been most difficult for each of us personally?
2. Are there any good things that have come out of this period for each of us personally?
There followed a discussion as to what we've missed at Trinity and also what's on the positive side during this time of the church being closed. We also discussed our concerns and hopes as we move toward reopening the church building.

Parish Discernment Project

- Three items were identified as priority (see attached). The following volunteered: Gaining New Members: G. Joseph; Signage/New Programs: T. LaMorte (Tai Chi programs); New Services: T. Furrer

New Business

- W. Blessing re-introduced the possibility of purchasing a Wethersfield Historical Trail Plaque for the front of Trinity at a cost of \$2500. We'll vote on that at the next meeting.
- W. Blessing discussed a new speaker system for the outdoor Evening Prayer services and for future use inside of the Parish Hall. *A motion was made by C. Lewis to purchase the new audio system for approximately \$600. Seconded by G. Joseph. Approved unanimously.*

Property Committee Update

- W. Blessing asked for recommendations for the Capital Improvement List. Two recommendations included moving ADA to the top of the list.

Closing

T. Furrer closed the meeting with prayer at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Jones
Parish Clerk