

Trinity Vestry Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Attendees: Carol Jones, Bruce Duncan, Greg Joseph, Rob Heath, Cheryl Chadsey, Kathy Cole, Connie Harasymiw, Melissa Pavick, Don Ghostlaw, Melanie Hepburn.

Absent: Aversa Sheldon.

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

1. Opening prayer. Don Ghostlaw.
2. Reports
 - a. Minutes. Motion to approve minutes from March 2025 meeting made by Carol Jones, second by Don Ghostlaw. Small edit noted. No further discussion. Approved unanimously. Motion passes.
 - b. March financial report. Rob Heath. Not much to report – property over by \$3625, mostly utilities this time. Nothing has been sent out for Mission and Outreach. A little bit over for programming – supply clergy cost. Flower fund is low. By end of March reporting, investment account is only down by \$6000. Motion to accept report made by Connie Harasymiw, second by Cheryl Chadsey. Vote to accept unanimous. Motion passes.
3. Additional items
 - a. Electricity provider question – Rob Heath. Exploring the use of a co-op of 80 churches and schools to purchase electricity at cheaper rate for 1-5 years. Charles Melchreit has attended the initial Zoom meeting to get us into the co-op. The organization will be collecting information on usage from “members” and requesting bids from providers. Don Ghostlaw asked what happens if any co-op member drops out. Also what happens if the provider goes under? Rob and Finance Committee will review the proposal and vote would be sent to vestry members by 5/15.
 - b. Announcements – Bikes on Main. Asking people to bring in artificial flowers or other items to decorate the bike. The theme is the Lord is My Shepherd. May 1st is the National Day of Prayer. St. Paul’s is hosting again and the service is at 12noon. Faith Formation Committee – exploring the idea of a Celtic service.
4. New Business
 - a. Motion from Mission and Outreach. Motion for disbursement of M&O Funds as follows: Gordon Scruton has submitted a request for a donation of \$1000 to the

Episcopal Church's Good Friday Fund that will go to the al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem that suffered devastating damage following an Israeli missile attack. We hereby move that a check from account #5246000 in the amount of \$1000 be made to The Good Friday Fund of the Episcopal Church. Motion made by Greg Joseph, second by Don Ghostlaw. No discussion. Motion approved unanimously. Motion passes.

- b. Expansion of the cleaning services. Carol Jones. Last month we approved the increase of our cleaning budget by \$600 annually. Carol learned that it will actually cost more than that. Motion to increase the annual cleaning budget by \$300 for a total annual increase of \$900 and a one-time cost of \$200 for initial deep clean made by Carol Jones, second by Kathy Cole. No discussion. Vote to approve unanimous. Motion passes.
5. ADA Project. Don Ghostlaw. The letter with small edit will be mailed out to parish tomorrow morning, letting community know of our 2025 Goals. At the meeting on May 3rd after the service, vestry members in attendance will be asked to sit at tables to facilitate Salconversation. Recommendations to make sure that all financial information is clear, including costs of a priest, kitchen project (additional fridge has not been purchased yet even though \$3k has been set aside for now.) Gordon has written a prayer for our parish for that day. 11/16 will be the Fall meeting to bring everyone up to date with the information that will have been gathered at that time.
6. Sal Basile. Connie Harasymiw. Sal has offered us Saturday, May 17th 6-9pm as a date for a concert and dance. Cookies, popcorn, beverages will be placed on tables around the parish hall that evening. Their duo are known as Dually Noted. Keeping it very simple. There is no cost to the church. All the funds will be donated to AEP and turned into scholarships. As a sponsor, you would receive a photograph and report card. A scholarship covers tuition, uniform, supplies, maintenance to the building for \$300 per student. A donation of \$20 will be asked at the door.
7. Child care regulations. Don Ghostlaw. There needs to be an adult in the room and a window in door to room. Or the children could remain in the nave and family could be given books, crayons, etc – Nola Pavick could be handed out to families and keeping the families together in the nave. Messy church style.
8. Committee reports
 - a. Family engagement. Melissa Pavick. Easter egg hunt went well. Next year schedule to avoid conflict with other events held by local churches. Discussion of Messy Church offering during the summer prior to the start of school. Melissa will try to get Trinity's Facebook account sorted.
 - b. Christian Formation – Don Ghostlaw. The committee meets every other week and is discussing how to bring more people into the church with forums. All

sorts of ideas on their calendars. These would be advertised as the Trinity Forum Series. Book discussion are also being scheduled.

9. Closing prayer. Don Ghostlaw.

10. Motion to adjourn at 8:19pm. Unanimous.

Minutes respectfully submitted

By Melanie Hepburn 4/24/2025