

Trinity Parish Vestry Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2024

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

6:36pm Meeting called to order.

1. Opening Prayer. Rebecca Scruton.
2. Approval of minutes from July vestry meeting. Motion to approve minutes made by Cheryl Chadsey, second by Carol Jones. Minutes approved unanimously.
3. Financial report for July 2024. Rob Heath. Income excluding investments continues to exceed expenses, currently by \$7200. Property is showing over budget due to quarterly insurance payment. Checking account is \$47K, investment account is \$1,202,855, an increase of about \$32K. Motion to accept the report made by Greg Joseph, second by Kathy Cole. Approved unanimously. Motion passes.
4. Additions to agenda – motion re rector emeritus will be added.
5. New business
 - a. Stewardship drive. Connie Harasymiw. Treasurer has been asked to collect proposed budgets for 2025 from parish committees to then distribute proposed total budget to parish community as part of stewardship drive. Treasurer and finance committee will be compiling information to present to stewardship committee. The intent is to make clear to the parish what the operational costs actually are.
 - b. Church sign. Connie Harasymiw. The town and state are no longer placing signs on town or state property. Motion to withdraw effort to install sign on Silas Deane. Motion made by Greg Joseph, second by Kathy Cole. Approved unanimously. Motion passes.
 - c. Purchase of chairs. Carol Jones. Motion to approve \$280 for the purchase of chairs for the Parish Hall and lounge from Brown's Office Furniture, Newington, made by Carol Jones, second by Don Ghostlaw. Approved unanimously. Motion passes.
 - d. Rector emeritus status. Rebecca Scruton.

In recognition of the 20+ years of faithful leadership in all aspects of Trinity Parish and the enormous positive changes that occurred; his active presence in the community; all coming from the prayerful wisdom given out of this love of God and of all God's kingdom; and the legacy provided by his ministry for decades to follow, I make a motion the the Rev. John H. Findlay be made Rector Emeritus of Trinity Parish,

Wethersfield. Motion made by Greg Joseph, second by Cheryl Chadsey. Motion approved unanimously. Motion passes.

6. Old business

- a. ADA update. Connie Harasymiw. Appointment second week of September to meet with representative to see about possible instillation of an incline wheel chair lift.
- b. 2025 planning update. Carol Jones. Members discussed possible steps forward to implement most popular items as per parishioners' interest.
- c. PIC update. Carol Jones. Everything has been updated and posted. No responses have been received.
- d. Kitchen update. Connie Harasymiw. Carol and Ginger have been certified. Physical updates need to be made to the kitchen, including a slop sink. Property committee needs to be asked to solicit quotes for install of slop sink.
- e. Seabury room update. Rebecca Scruton. The committee that is working on updating the room has met with Budget Blinds from West Hartford to receive quotes for Seabury room and church office came up to \$6452. The committee members are considering alter options which will be presented at next vestry meeting.
- f. Downstairs space. Connie Harasymiw. The ceiling has been removed from the chapel, which now needs to be replaced. One thought is to use the Nielson fund to refurbish and name. Members were asked to consider appropriate use of those funds.

7. Committee reports

- a. Property. Already addressed.
- b. Memorial Garden and general grounds. Cheryl Chadsey and James Milne have tidied up the garden. Melanie Hepburn recommended that the extra funds contributed towards the new tree be used towards refurbishment of grounds. Connie Harasymiw reminded members that the Memorial Garden is close to being filled up.

8. Closing prayer. Rebecca Scruton.

9. Meeting adjourned, 8:20pm

Minutes respectfully submitted

By Melanie Hepburn, 8/15/2024