

## Trinity Parish Vestry meeting

### Minutes

April 21, 2022

Attendees: Warren Blessing, Rebecca Scruton, Garth Myers, Tom Furrer, Rob Heath, Carol Jones, Peter Dewberry, Sarah Butters, Don Ghostlaw, Susanna Brown, Melanie Hepburn.

Absent: Charles Melchreit.

1. Meeting called to order 6:34pm.
2. Open prayer led by Carol Jones.
3. Dwelling in the Word. The vestry read from the Book of Jeremiah. Members were encouraged to consider the passage of the potter and his clay as it may relate to personal circumstances with COVID. Are we asked to return to the same normal or is it a time to adjust?
4. Monthly reports
  - a. Approval of the minutes from the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion to approve by Blessing, second by Scruton. Small edit made, minutes approved unanimously.
  - b. March financial report. Rob Heath reviewed the reports, including the restricted accounts. \$80,000 was received from the estate of Geoff Nielsen, \$60,000 was transferred to our investment account, retaining \$20,000 to cover anticipated expenses for roof repair, painting and other project expenses. Motion to approve by Blessing, second by Scruton. Motion approved.
  - c. Additional agenda items. Ghostlaw discussed the streaming report that he is working on and proposed that he discuss previous concerns raised prior to submitting his report. Discussion re who would be appropriate contact at the diocese. Blessing referred to the weekly bishop's meeting that mentioned the resources available on the diocese website. Butters raised the issue to reinstituting pastoral care team.
5. Old Business
  - a. COVID update. Scruton and Blessing. Prior to Fr. Tom's illness, the decision had been made to keep the status quo. Because of his illness, a list of attendees for services from Good Friday through Wednesday's service has been compiled and distributed to vestry members. Each member who is able is being asked to contact a share of attendees to let them know of possible exposure, to be completed before this coming Sunday's service. Warren reported that Wethersfield is back in the red zone for infection rate. The COVID committee will be reconvened to consider adjustments to parish policies. The vestry agreed that for the time being parishioners be strongly recommended to wear masks and pause on coming to the altar for communion.
  - b. Property report. Blessing. Roof in the sanctuary has been repaired and the painter has us back on his calendar. Vestry members were asked to forward ideas for inclusion on the Capitol Projects list. (Examples include exterior lights, carpet replacement, air conditioning in the Seabury Room, accessibility, showers, etc.) The Property Committee will then review and prioritize.
  - c. ECCT Spring Training. Wardens asking members to share their attendance and experiences, especially looking for feedback on the hybrid format that allows vestry members to attend many different sessions virtually.

- d. Safe Church. Myers. A reminder to new members to complete the required training.
  - e. Committee re-establishment. Scruton. We need to re-operationalize lay committees necessary to address parish needs, from music to lay visitors to hospitality, etc. The first meeting will be to address worship and eucharistic ministers. Members were asked to consider leadership roles.
6. New business.
- a. Outreach update. Butters. Presented a proposal to use \$2500 from the outreach budget to support the Kaduna Center for the Study of Christian Muslim Relations. (Diocese's Sustainable Development fund will provide an additional \$10,000.) The funds being requested now are for building of the physical structure. Sarah made the motion to spend \$2500 from the outreach budget for the support of the Kaduna Center, seconded by Don. Motion approved.
  - b. Rebecca let everyone know about an announcement that Warren will make on Sunday regarding participation in a work project offered by First Church and open to everyone in town.
7. Closing prayer. Fr. Tom.
8. Meeting adjourned 8:43pm

Minutes submitted respectfully

By Melanie Hepburn

4/21/2022