

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting**  
**Monday, January 16, 2017**

**Present:** Rob Baldwin (Rector), Susan Terry (Assistant Rector), Terry Mandle (Senior Warden), Andrew Hoyt (Junior Warden), Jennifer Attocknie, Katie Bieker, Brenda Clary, Steve King, Glenna Kleinkauf, Dusty McCoy, Nora Clark, Chuck Olcese, Marilyn Russell, David Severance, Bill Benso (Treasurer), Maria Thompson (Clerk)  
**Guests:** Margaret Brack, Mary Donovan

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Rob at 6:30 p.m.

**Declaration of Quorum**

A count was taken and a quorum declared.

**Approval of the Minutes of the December 2016 Meeting**

Because of complications with email, the December minutes were not received by all Vestry members prior to the meeting. A vote for approval was held by email following the meeting, with 10 votes to approve.

**Migrant Ministry**

There was good attendance at the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the group, which has about 40 members. They will continue to meet monthly.

The Christmas Tree project was a success, with about 100 items being taken to Wichita before Christmas. There is another load that's ready to go.

They now have a Facebook page.

**Rector's Report (in addition to written report)**

The church will be open on January 20<sup>th</sup>, Inauguration Day, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for those who wish to have a quiet place to go for contemplation, grief or thanks.

Ordination Process

Margaret Brack and Mary Donovan met with the Vestry to discuss their discernment processes toward ordination into the priesthood. The Vestry needs to consider whether or not Trinity should support them.

- Margaret Brack was sent to us by Bishop Wolfe, intending that Trinity would be the church of record for her ordination. She is a student in her senior year at Nashotah House. The bishops aligned with Nashotah house won't support her ordination because she has refused to sign a document saying she believes marriage should be only between a man and a woman. She came to Kansas with the hope of finding a job and aligning with a bishop who is not so conservative. She helped with our Vacation Bible School in summer 2016, and her main interests are liturgy and music ministry.
- Mary Kane Donovan is a member of Trinity who has just begun the discernment process. She is involved in campus ministry and is on the Bishop's Committee for Canterbury House, and enjoys working one-on-one with the students. She grew up in the Catholic Church, and became an Episcopalian after a divorce.

**Assistant Rector's Report**

Mthr. Susan is planning to organize a group of people who will take dinners to people in times of need.

Anne Patterson is organizing a clean-up day to organize and store Christmas paraphernalia.

We will again prepare Valentine boxes for the women and children living at Willow.

**Junior Warden's Report**

Our snow removal service has been reliable in the past, but this year they failed to remove snow from the parking lot for Sunday services. If they are no longer able to meet our needs, we will ask First Christian if we can piggy-back on their snow removal contract.

### Stained Glass Windows

Andrew discussed a company that will come to Trinity to appraise and repair/restore the stained glass windows in the nave, including re-installing them with ventilation systems within their frames. The cost is estimated at \$30,000.

At the last appraisal, our stained glass windows were worth \$1.3 million.

### **Executive Session**

The Vestry went into executive session to discuss the two people who wish to be ordained.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The 2016 year-end numbers are still incomplete because the holidays slowed delivery of the bank statement, as well as delivery of some stocks to a broker who would sell them for us. However, we did end the year with all financial responsibilities paid.

Most of our discretionary money in 2017 will be spent on insurance for Fr. Rob and Sheryl Poole.

In planning for 2017, we have to decide if we will make cuts and try to maintain a very tight budget, or go into the year with a 5% deficit budget. We need \$22,000 more to equal last year's budget, but we anticipate receiving only \$8,000 of that. Terry, Glenna and Brenda agreed to work with Bill to determine the final numbers.

We had multiple people transfer their letters after the pledge drive ended. Mari, Dusty and Steve agreed to contact them about pledging.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee has a slate of people who agreed to run for Vestry at the Annual Meeting.

There are five people running for three Diocesan Delegate spots. The people with the three highest numbers of votes will become delegates, and the person in fourth place will be the alternate.

One person will need to be elected to the Endowment Board for a three-year term.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Thompson, Clerk