

Trinity Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Monday, February 20, 2017

Present: Rob Baldwin (Rector), Steve King (Senior Warden), Andrew Hoyt (Junior Warden), Jennifer Attocknie, Brenda Clary, Kim Mandle, Allison Marker, Dusty McCoy, Katherine McGillivray, Chuck Olcese, David Severance, Bill Benso (Treasurer), Maria Thompson (Clerk)

Absent: Katie Bieker, Nora Clark, Susan Terry (Assistant Rector)

Guest: Bianca Elliott

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Rob at 6:30 p.m. He announced that Steve King will be the senior warden this year.

Declaration of Quorum

A count was taken and a quorum declared.

Approval of the Minutes of the January 16th and January 29th 2017 Meetings

Brenda made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 16th and January 29th meetings. David seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordination Process

Bianca Elliott met with the Vestry to discuss her studies at Bishop Kemper School of Ministry. She has taken her ordination exams for the priesthood.

Executive Session

The Vestry went into executive session, then signed the letter of support for Bianca.

Rector's Report

It will probably be about two years before we have a new bishop, but there are no plans to hire an interim. A bishop from a neighboring diocese will be asked to come in to do our confirmations, etc.

The Adult Forum topic during Lent will be about how churches deal with poverty. It will be led by David Marker and Deacon Steve Segebrecht.

The Refugee and Immigrant Ministry requested the doors of the church be open on February 22nd, the day a tough immigrant travel ban was planned to take effect. The church will be open 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Grassland Heritage Foundation asked to use the church building for their 5th annual Native Plants Sale, scheduled for Saturday, May 20. The Vestry agreed to permit this use, with the stipulation that the group will have to pay a fee to use the building. They have been told about the fee and the expectation that they will completely clean up after themselves.

Senior Warden's Report

Steve handed out vestry pins to the newest members.

He announced some committees for which he would like Vestry members to be liaisons:

- 1) Harvest Festival
- 2) Budget/Fund Raising
- 3) Building Maintenance Planning
- 4) By-Law Changes (regarding the appointment of Endowment Board members)

Junior Warden

Andrew announced that he will no longer be able to serve as Junior Warden. David volunteered to take the job.

Kim made a motion to elect David Severance Junior Warden. Andrew seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Our accounting software crashed, so Bill was unable to present the financial report for February.

There was a fairly good response to the letter that went out with the 2016 fourth-quarter statements. We received an additional \$8,000, which will cover our debt service through March.

It appears that we will need to borrow \$27,000 from the Endowment Board to pay our outstanding debt. We will start paying back the interest, and will have to develop a plan to pay back the entire amount. That plan will then need to be articulated to the parish.

We are continuing to keep up with our bills.

Building Use Issues

There have been problems with cleanliness in the church building. All groups, both internal and external to Trinity, need to be reminded to clean up after themselves after their meetings or events.

Fellowship Events

Katherine has heard from a few people that they would like to revive the annual Progressive Dinner.

It's also been suggested that we have a "Friendship Day" during which parishioners would bring friends to services.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Thompson, Clerk