

Trinity Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2015

Present: Rob Baldwin (Rector), John Bullock (Senior Warden), Andrew Hoyt (Junior Warden), Nora Clark, Lindy Eakin, Brenda Clary, Glenna Kleinkauf, Terry Mandle, Marilyn Russell, Bruce Scoular, David Severance, Bill Benso (Treasurer), Maria Thompson (Clerk)

Absent: Steve King, Rodney Olson, Susan Terry (Assistant Priest)

Guest: David Marker

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Declaration of Quorum

A count was taken and a quorum declared.

Bible Study: Matthew 5:11-16

Approval of the Minutes of the January and February 2015 Meetings

There was a motion to approve the Minutes of the January meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

The February retreat was cancelled due to a funeral. A regular Vestry meeting was held in its place on March 2nd, and the minutes will be up for approval during the April 20th meeting.

Volunteer Recognition

The choir sounded especially good at the 10:30 service on March 22nd.

Candidate for Ordination to the Diaconate

David Marker discussed his progress to ordination. While he is attending Bishop Kemper, he also is helping to reorganize the administration and receiving process at the Lawrence Community Shelter. As a deacon he hopes to work in places where he can use his strengths to organize administrators and managers.

Rector's Report

- Rob is preparing to hire Sarah Johnson to replace Marilyn Bean in the office. Sarah's strengths are in writing and web site management, and she has served as an office manager at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City.
- Many volunteers in the office have helped us get through Marilyn's absence.
- There will be fewer Holy Week services than in the past. Tenebrae and the evening service on Easter Sunday will be eliminated because of very low attendance.
- The Adult Forums on preparing of end of life was very well attended.
- There will be a new, four-week children's program in the fall, which will be led by parishioner Heather Eichman. It will be part of a Boy/Girl Scout program, allowing participants to earn badges.
- A severance agreement has been drawn up for Marilyn Bean.
 - She has given all passwords to Fr. Rob and John Bullock.
 - John and Steve King had made arrangements to meet her in the office so she could pick up her personal belongings, but she didn't show up. The items will be mailed to her.
- The Vintage Sale will be postponed because of illnesses among the core planners of the event.

Senior Warden's Report

- John thanked Lindy for his service as senior warden over the last two years, and he welcomed the new vestry members.
- We need to have a retreat to discuss ministries and long-term goals. A date will be set later, probably by e-mail.

- Lindy and Rodney have served on the Finance Committee for the last two years. Glenna and Nora will begin attending those meetings in order to provide continuity of Vestry input before Lindy and Rodney step down.

Junior Warden's Report

- Andrew hasn't received any calls from parishioners.
- He will take care of some issues brought up by Vestry members, including a couple sinks that need work and a broken kneeler in the pews.

Treasurer's Report

- In the absence of a parish administrator, Bill has verified the accounts and has made sure the bills are paid and money is deposited. All payments are current. He will train the new administrator.
- The account at Merrill Lynch has been closed. They sent a check for two cents, which has been deposited.
- Bill has asked Central National Bank about running stock sales through them and is waiting for a response.
- Our electricity bills have been higher than expected, and we've already gone through a quarter of our budget for that. Bill will look into our usage.

Organ Recital

We will host an organ recital on April 11th at 7:30 p.m. It will include four organists, hand bells and singers, as well as a chocolate buffet afterward. Visitors will not be charged, but free-will offerings will be accepted and applied to the organ fund.

Sunday Services

Lectors and chalice bearers are needed for Sunday services.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Thompson, Clerk