

Trinity Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2015

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

Absent: Bruce Scoular

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: Luke 4:14-30

Approval of the Minutes of the March 2015 Meetings

The February retreat was cancelled, so the Vestry met on March 2nd. In addition, the Vestry met at its regular time on March 23rd.

Lindy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 2nd and March 23rd Vestry meetings. Glenna seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Volunteer Recognition

The vestry recognized Katie Bieker and Amy Gatzmeyer for the work they did to create the family ministry.

Rector's Report

- Marilyn Bean has filed a lawsuit against us, for unpaid wages, with the Department of Labor. She is claiming that Trinity owes her \$9,000 for the times she answered e-mails while on vacation. Fr. Rob and John Bullock are looking into our records to see if we do owe her anything. Our insurance company has tried to contact her, but she will not return their calls.
- Sarah Johnson is doing a great job in the office. She is working to catch up the financial records. In addition, she is going to develop a unified hub for all of our communications.
- There will be an instructional Eucharist on May 24th.
- Fr. Rob is in discussion with Bishop Seabury Academy about his interim chaplaincy there. He may become their official chaplain for the next school year.
- The non-profit group Justice Matters would like Trinity to become a member. We would be asked to contribute an amount equal to 0.75% of our expense budget. Fr. Rob asked that everyone read the materials he handed out and let him know what you think about Trinity joining this organization.

Assistant Rector's Report

- There were 70 children at Trinity on Easter Sunday. It was crowded and crazy, but fun.
- The Trinity Family Ministry had their first potluck. A lot of ideas were generated for a variety of events and activities. This is a very energetic group.
- May will be a busy month for the Children's ministries:
 - May 3rd – Shower for the babies and toddlers at the Willow Domestic Violence Shelter. The shower will be held in thanksgiving for the children at Trinity.
 - May 10th – Senior recognition for everyone at Trinity who will be graduating
 - May 17th – Teacher appreciation

Junior Warden's Report

Kneeler Cushions

The embroidered kneeler cushions at the communion rail and around the altar need to be refurbished. Waggoner's, Inc., of Hutchinson, KS, gave a quote of \$1,145 to do the work. The Vestry agreed to use money from the birthday fund to pay for the work.

Sound System

The quality of the sound system in the nave is getting worse. There are problems with the old lapel mics and the system itself. The Vestry agreed to form an exploratory group to figure out how to solve the problems, how much it would cost, and where the money will come from to pay for it.

Other

The sinks that needed work have all been fixed.

Treasurer's Report

- Bill is trying to get all backlogged data into the financial system. Sarah Johnson is doing a great job, but with her other duties, there is too much for her to do.
- The utility budget is being overspent.
- The new Kitchen Enhancement Fund has \$1,800 from the Fifi Paden memorials.
- Sarah is an approved signatory on all of our accounts. Older names need to be removed.
- Sarah doesn't have time right now to keep up the supplies of donation envelopes and prayer cards in the pews, so a volunteer is needed to do that.

Organ Recital

There were 150 people at the organ recital on April 11th, and around \$500 was raised. Many in attendance were not from Trinity.

Organ

A member of the choir asked Andrew about an addition to the organ that would make a "star" sound. The Vestry agreed that the organ needs to be paid off before we start adding on to it.

Ordinations

Ordinations will take place at Grace Cathedral on June 13th at 10:30 a.m.

A letter of support for the ordination of Rob Schwaller into the diaconate was passed around and signed by vestry members.

Vestry Retreat

The Vestry will have a retreat to discuss a vision for the future, especially in regard to services and ministries.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Thompson, Clerk