

Trinity Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Monday, June 19, 2017

Present: Rob Baldwin (Rector), Susan Terry (Assistant Rector), Steve King (Senior Warden), David Severance (Junior Warden), Jennifer Attocknie, Brenda Clary, Heather Eichman, Andrew Hoyt, Chuck Olcese, Bill Benso (Treasurer), Maria Thompson (Clerk)

Absent: Katie Bieker, Nora Clark, Allison Marker, Kim Mandle, Katherine McGillivray

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Rob at 6:45 p.m.

Declaration of Quorum

A count was taken and a quorum declared.

Approval of the Minutes of the May 2017 Meeting

Brenda and Steve were working to update the minutes of the May meeting and planned to send them out for approval by email.

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

Fr. Rob and Mthr. Susan are planning to recruit people from the parish to be involved with the youth group.

The 6:00 service changed and attendance dropped once the student choir was no longer a part of it. Average attendance is 23, including the altar party and those in the choir loft, and even those who are committed to the service don't arrive on time. Mthr. Susan pointed out that it is a labor-intensive service for clergy. Fr. Rob will solicit feedback from the regular attendees over the summer and decide what changes might be in order.

Treasurer's Report

All financial obligations are current.

Pledge income year-to-date (YTD) is 82% of the linearized projection and 34% of the full year budget. Total income, less GIFT income, is also at these same percentages.

YTD expenses, less GIFT expenses, are \$187,000, which is right on the budget projection.

The independent audit of our books for 2015 and 2016 was initiated with the delivery of over 50 pounds of paper to the CPA on Wednesday, May 17th.

The debt reduction appeal continues to get positive results. The account balance was in excess of \$18,000 prior to making the June loan payment. After the June payment, the loan balance is \$84,450. If we can build and maintain a reserve of \$25,000, we would be able to continually make larger payments and reduce the interest charges.

Assistant Rector's Report

Sixteen kids from Trinity went to Camp Wood.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will run July 17-21. Mthr. Susan is looking for volunteers for all aspects of the program.

Summer Sunday School will be happening every Sunday throughout the summer.

Senior Warden's Report

By-Law Changes

Changes to the by-laws were presented at the May meeting.

Brenda made a motion to adopt the changes to the by-laws as presented at the May 2017 Vestry meeting. Andrew seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Financial record responsibilities have been assigned and Bill will get information out to everyone. We will start our reviews in July.

Junior Warden

A crew was called in to remove a damaged limb from the tree by the office. The remainder of the tree will be removed and the stump ground up.

The transient campground on the north side of the building has been cleaned up.

Scott Temperature was in to replace the burned-out blower motor in the parish hall air conditioner unit.

Break-Ins

We've been working with police in regard to the break-ins, which appear to have begun around May 27th. Fr. Rob and David installed a security camera in the kitchen, and monitor it on their cell phones. The intruders are teen-age boys who wanted to make sure we knew they had gotten in each time. Once they discovered the camera, the break-ins stopped.

Each time they got in, David worked to figure out how they did it and fixed whatever problem allowed them to gain access. The roof security light has been replaced, the frame on the upstairs door has been replaced, and a security plate has been installed on the double red doors at the back of the nave.

Channel 6 aired the story about the break-ins on June 15th, and David ran the video from the security camera following services on June 18th to see if anyone recognized any of the intruders.

Lawrence Interfaith Refugee and Immigrant Ministry

Lydia Diebolt, of Centro Hispano, and Chuck talked with the Douglas County Community Foundation about working with us to maintain the DACA scholarship fund. The Foundation requires a minimum balance of \$10,000, which is more than we have, but they are willing to help in an advisory capacity.

One option would be to open a separate account, similar to the one that the Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry has. John Bullock is going to help set this up. We have \$8,500, and hope to give four grants this fall, each for \$500 for tuition and \$150 for books and supplies.

The committee that will oversee the scholarships will include Chuck, Allison, Cindy Treaster and three other people.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Thompson, Clerk

Rector's Report July 2017

Over Memorial Day weekend I had the chance to head back to my previous parish, St. James, to perform not only a wedding but four baptisms as well. It was nice to see some old, familiar faces.

Mary Donovan had her first meeting with the Commission on Ministry as part of her discernment process for ordination. I attended that first meeting, which I believe went well. Currently there are three members of Trinity in the ordination process.

Speaking of which, Bianca Elliott was ordained to the diaconate on June 17th. She will be ordained to the priesthood in about six months. During this time, she will be serving at St. Aidan's in Olathe.

On Sunday, June 18, we baptized Langston Eddington Buckman, the grandson of David and Lori Eddington.

The evening service has ended for the season, with just a single service scheduled for the month of July. With fewer than 20 people in attendance the last few weeks the service was held, serious questions about its future have again arisen. The service rarely broke 25 in attendance, especially after the first few weeks in the fall. Despite continued attempts to grow the service, the worshipping congregation appears to have actually shrunk in size.

I acknowledge that the service is well-loved by the regular members of the congregation, and would be missed deeply by them should the service be discontinued, I can not help but think that we need to seriously consider an alternative before we get to the fall and the service theoretically starts again.