

Trinity Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Monday, June 23, 2014

Present: Rob Baldwin (Rector), Susan Terry (Assistant Priest), Lindy Eakin (Senior Warden), Steven King (Junior Warden), Brenda Clary, Proctor Crow, Dave Griffin, Pat Kehde, Terry Mandle, Rodney Olson, Mari Russell, Bill Benso (Treasurer), Maria Thompson (Clerk)

Absent: John Bullock, Andrew Hoyt, Glenna Kleinkauf

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Rob led the prayer.

Declaration of Quorum

A count was taken and a quorum declared.

Approval of the Minutes of the May 2014 Meeting

Steve made a motion to approve the May Minutes. Terry seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Junior Warden's Report

- A copper pipe on one of the air conditioning units was vandalized, causing all of the coolant to leak out of the unit. The damage happened on a Friday, and the repairs were made on a Saturday, costing us \$1,000. A police report and an insurance claim have been filed.
- The rope to the bell tower is caught on something and is currently unusable. Steve will find out what needs to be done to free it.
- A new handrail has been installed for the steps leading up to the choir loft.
- A new sump pump has been installed.
- The lightning suppression system is complete.

Senior Warden's Report

The annual garage sale at First United Methodist will be on August 7th, 8th and 9th. We will have our sale on Saturday, the 9th, but may also have it open on the evening of the 8th. Lindy will announce the times when donations will be accepted. We will not accept clothing or large furniture.

Rector's Report

June Events

- Pentacost – there was a baptism and a fellowship event. Fr. Rob has done at least one baptism at every Pentacost service since he came to Trinity.
- Trinity Sunday – there was a picnic.

Service Bulletins

- 8:00 a.m. – the prayer book is used.
- 10:30 a.m. – the re-usable bulletins have been a success.
- 6:00 p.m. – this is a more complicated service, so no changes are planned at this time.

Sunday Evening Service

A group has been formed to plan the Sunday evening service.

- They decided they need to build an online presence and demystify the service for those who do not attend. They plan to start by using Facebook.
- They are trying to figure out how to draw in different populations.

- Teams are being developed to prepare the dinners that follow the services. Each team would do all of the work as a group on their assigned Sundays, including set-up, food preparation and clean-up.

Other Items

- Fr. Rob had a recent health scare, but underwent tests and is alright.
- He will be gone on Sunday, June 29th.
- Bianca Elliott and David Marker have been approved to continue in the ordination process.
- The Finance Committee is going to develop a graph that will depict giving patterns over the last four years to show the Vestry and parish how our income flow varies.
- We have lost \$20,000 in pledge income this year because of people moving away or dying.
- The food pantry has not received any of the \$3,500 that was budgeted for them this year. Fr. Rob asked that at least some of that money be given to them as soon as possible.
- The Vestry agreed that the angel icons that had been in front of the altar through the Easter season should now hang in the archways at the front of the church.

Assistant Priest's Report

- The number of children has stayed consistent for summer Sunday school, so more volunteers are needed to teach.
- The old cross that was used to lead the children to Sunday school has become worn, so a new one will be put to use soon.
- Vacation Bible School has gone well. Rachel Schwaller did a great job with planning and execution, and participation has been good.

Cottage Visits

The cottage meeting that had been originally scheduled for June 28th will be moved to August 9th.

Liaison Reports

Canterbury House

- June 21st was a clean-up day, and it went well.
- They are looking for an intern for KU. The intern should be someone who has an undergraduate degree, preferably an Episcopalian, and possibly in the process of discerning next steps. They will live rent-free and receive a small stipend, and will be required to regularly attend an Episcopal church during the internship.

Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry

Donations and financial support have been low in relation to the needs the pantry is trying to fill.

Stewardship Campaign

Terry presented two options for how the campaign could be run this year, both of which would include bringing in a guest speaker.

- 1) One option would include an all-parish celebration, at which the speaker would give the keynote address, as well as present at an invitation-only leadership event and Sunday services.
- 2) The other option would include the speaker at the leadership event and services, but there would be no parish celebration.

The Vestry discussed a third option in which there would be no guest speaker.

It was agreed that bringing in a speaker from outside the parish is important to the campaign effort, and the Vestry chose the option that includes an all-parish celebration. It will be a potluck supper on October 4th at Bishop Seabury, if the space there is available.

Treasurer's Report

- 42% of the year has passed, but only 30% of the pledges have been received.
- Cash flow has been a critical issue; the June apportionment payment has not been made yet.
- During the week of June 16th we received a gift of \$15,000 in stock, which will be liquidated to help with cash flow.
- Bob Ramsdell, a local attorney who specializes in estate giving would be willing to conduct a free seminar on legacy giving. Terry and Bill will talk with him about visiting Trinity in September.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Thompson, Clerk