

Trinity Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Monday, July 21, 2014

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

Absent: Andrew Hoyt, Rodney Olson, Mari Russell

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 June 2014 Meeting

Glenna made a motion to approve the June Minutes. Pat seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Senior Warden's Report

There will be a bake sale to raise funds for the food pantry during the garage sale on August 9th. Sign-up sheets have been placed in the parish hall for people who want to help. Our sale will be advertised in a joint banner ad with First United Methodist and Plymouth Congregational.

Rector's Report

Air Conditioning for the Choir Loft

The old air conditioner in the choir loft was taken out when the organ was removed, and will not be put back because it was in bad shape and caused the organ to go out of tune by blowing cold air directly on it. An efficient, self-contained unit has been recommended at a cost of \$6,141, including installation. The Vestry agreed that the new unit should be purchased, but the church's debt should not be increased to do it.

Proctor made a motion to refer the air conditioner recommendation to the Finance Committee so they can figure out how we will pay for it without increasing our debt. Because time is a factor, the Finance Committee will be asked to submit their recommendation(s) to the Vestry by e-mail, and the Vestry will vote on the recommendation(s) by e-mail. Glenna seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Other Items

- Celebrations
 - There was one baptism and one funeral in July.
 - In August there will be two weddings and one baptism, all on the same weekend.
- The prayer cards and welcome cards in the pews will be consolidated into one card.
- Fr. Rob has hired a cantor for the 6:00 p.m. Sunday service.
- Jacob Burch has volunteered to manage our web site.
- We are in need of a new nursery attendant to replace one who moved away.

Junior Warden's Report

- A gift of \$1,500 has been given for a new floor in the choir loft to replace the asbestos tile that is currently up there. The new floor will be laid over the old one.
- The rope in the bell tower had been caught on an organ pipe. It will be strung through a PVC pipe to prevent this from happening again.
- The flagpole rope has been repaired.
- So far Steve has spent \$34.00 of the maintenance fund this year.

Assistant Priest's Report

- At the 10:30 service on August 10th there will be a Blessing of the Backpacks in preparation for the start of school on August 13th.

Clean-Up Day

Pat suggested the scheduling of a clean-up day after Labor Day. Many areas in the building and on the property need to be cleaned. There is a large number of items that are no longer used, but continue to lie around the church, and these should be taken to the dump or recycled.

Cottage Visits

Pat and Rodney hosted twelve people at Rodney's house, and it went very well. The average age of the group was around 70. The tone was mostly conversational, and there were numerous positive, constructive suggestions. There were many good ideas for social events. Many of the participants had much to say about worship, especially the 6:00 service. Education was the least-discussed topic.

Steve and John will host a cottage meeting in the parish hall on August 23rd, 4:00-6:00. Childcare will be provided. The hope is that families with young children will be able to attend.

Stewardship

Terry discussed speakers and their honoraria. Michael "Corky" Carlyle will be our speaker for the annual pledge drive this year.

She thanked Ann Elizabeth Bishop for the stewardship notes that have been appearing in the service bulletins.

Liaison Reports

Canterbury House

- The students at Canterbury House are still collecting Cans for Cows.
- Stephanie will be going on maternity leave soon and is looking for people to fill in for her on Tuesday nights. Dave and Donna Griffin have volunteered to help.
- There will be a sign-up for parishioners who want to help with various needs at the house.

Treasurer's Report

June Financials

- At the end of June all financial obligations of the church were current, although a few payments were made the first week of July as a result of cash flow management.
- 41% of the year's pledges have been received as of the end of June, the half-way point of the year.
- Expenses were generally in line with budget projections.

Office Copier

Our current five-year copier contract with Unisource will expire at the end of September. We've received quotes from Canon and Toshiba. The Canon proposal is the most advantageous and will save us approximately \$2,500 per year. A notice of cancellation has been sent to Unisource and a Canon copier has been ordered. Canon has agreed to ship the old copier back to Unisource at their expense.

Food Pantry Funds

As requested by the Vestry at the June meeting, \$1,750 has been transferred to the Food Pantry account. This is 50% of the amount budgeted for the pantry for the year.

Education Funds

\$1,936 will be transferred from the Education endowment to the Operating Fund.

Maintenance Funds

Steve asked about money that was spent from the Maintenance account without his knowledge. Bill will check to see if there was an accounting error.

Gift Card Inventory

We have been reporting the value of the grocery store gift card inventory at the face value of the cards; we should have been reporting the inventory as the cost of the cards. If all stores gave us the same discount, it would be a simple fix; however, HyVee gives us a 5% discount and all the others give us 6%. This will be sorted out and a report will be prepared as soon as possible.

Mineral Rights

Trinity has received a statutory notice from XTO Energy (an operating unit of ExxonMobil) that identifies Trinity as a "Royalty Owner." Bill has contacted XTO for specific information, but has not received a response.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Thompson, Clerk