

Trinity Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Monday, October 20, 2014

Present: Rob Baldwin (Rector), Lindy Eakin (Senior Warden), Steven King (Junior Warden), John Bullock, Brenda Clary, Proctor Crow, Dave Griffin, Andrew Hoyt, Pat Kehde, Glenna Kleinkauf, Terry Mandle, Rodney Olson, Mari Russell, Maria Thompson (Clerk)

Absent: Susan Terry (Assistant Rector), Bill Benso (Treasurer)

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 September 2014 Meeting

The clerk was absent and no minutes were taken at the September meeting.

Ploughman's Lunch

Shirley Reese handed each Vestry member a packet of 10 tickets to the Ploughman's Lunch, and asked that they sell them.

Candidate for Ordination

Rob Schwaller discussed his progress toward ordination into the Diaconate. During subsequent discussion, members of the Vestry raised some questions that they would like Rob to answer before supporting his further candidacy. Fr. Rob agreed to talk with him and ask that he attend the November Vestry meeting.

Rector's Report

Music

There is a significant financial overage of \$2,000 - \$3,000 in the operating budget line for section leaders at the 10:30 service. Fr. Rob made a recommendation to cover that overage with money from other Music funds.

Glenna made a motion to use money from the Ralston fund to cover the music expenses for November and December 2014 at the rate of 1/12 of the annual Music budget (\$417) each month. Pat seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Choir Loft Seating

Music Directors Doug Lawrence and Susan Ralston have requested \$3,500 for new chairs for the choir loft, with expenses to come from the Ralston fund.

Steve made a motion to table the discussion until the January Vestry meeting because of concerns regarding the amount of money that has already been spent on the choir loft and the use of the Ralston fund to cover music expenses for the remainder of 2014. Pat seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Organ Maintenance

We need to have a plan for regular maintenance on the organ. Reuter has suggested a contract that would cost \$850 – \$1,200 per year. This will be discussed as part of the 2015 budget development process.

Other Items

- The annual Blessing of the Animals will be on October 4th. This is usually a well-attended event.

- The acolyte program is growing. There will be a training session on October 7th.
- The bishop is coming for his annual visit during the 10:30 service on Sunday, October 26th, and will confirm two members.
- There will be a baptism at the 6:00 service on October 26th.

Junior Warden's Report

- The past month was very quiet – no major problems.
- There was some discussion regarding a dead tree in the yard, which will need to be removed.

2015 Budget

The Vestry will have a Saturday meeting in November to develop a budget for 2015.

Organ Fund Drive

We still need to raise an additional \$110,000 to pay off the organ debt, but there is currently only \$87,000 remaining in the Organ account.

- \$121,740 has been given by 81 people who pledged.
- \$46,300 has come from non-pledgers.
- \$23,000 has been pledged, but not given. These parishioners need to be encouraged to pay their pledges.

An organ recital has been suggested as a fund raiser. A group needs to be formed to pull an event together.

Harvest Festival/Pledge Campaign

Vestry members were given an outline of expenses for the Harvest Festival and fall pledge campaign, and were asked to be prepared to discuss this at the November Vestry meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Thompson, Clerk