

Trinity Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Monday, October 23, 2017

Call to Order/Quorum Established

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

A count was taken and a quorum declared.

Present: Father Rob, Mother Susan, Katie Bieker, Nora Clark, Brenda Clary, Heather Eichman, Andrew Hoyt, Steven King, Kim Mandel, Katharine McGillvray, Chuck Olcese, David Severence, Bill Benso (Treasurer)

Absent: Jennifer Attochnie, Allison Marker, Maria Thompson (Clerk)

Devotions: Father Rob

Minutes of the September 2017 Vestry meeting were approved unanimously with no amendments.

Rector's Report:

See written report, which is attached, excluding the list of outstanding pledge cards as of this date.

Deb Beckley is now leading the youth program.

The 6 pm service has lost a number of regulars since the change from Solemn High Mass to a contemporary service but has not gained. It needs to be re-evaluated. There may be a Solemn High Mass in November, but it probably will not be the first Sunday of the month as previously suggested.

Senior Warden's Report

Steve noted that much of his report was covered in other reports, particularly regarding the status of the pledge drive, budget, and possible need for a capital campaign to cover maintenance and improvements.

We still need two members of the congregation for the at-large positions on the vestry nominating committee, and Steve will contact John Bullock and Pat Kehde about serving.

We formed a "Task Force" Committee to analyze the Church's needs in terms of both Hard and Soft costs for things we need and things we want. David, Andrew and Steve were assigned to the Hard Cost (infrastructure) Sub-Committee. Kim and Chuck volunteered to serve on the Soft Cost (vision) Committee. The two committees will report to Heather, Kim, and Chuck, who volunteered to serve on the Task Committee.

Junior Warden's Report

See written report, attached.

Church cleanup is planned for Nov. 11 in preparation for the Ploughman's Lunch.

Need HVAC filter change and inspection. System at end of its 10-year life expectancy. We need to consider a capital campaign to repair/replace HVAC and for other maintenance and improvement items.

David moved we form a committee to study maintenance needs and a second committee to study new visioning data—i.e., future goals. After further discussion and without a vote, the motion evolved into a plan that an infrastructure committee (Steve, David, and Andrew) and a vision committee (Katie and Kim) would study needs and develop a list of goals, reporting to a task committee (Heather, Kim, & Chuck) for potential action.

Treasurer's report:

Bill provided an estimate of year-end total expenses (electricity is high and not apt to go down; everything else is within manageable limits). We should be able to get fairly accurate totals for the year by December.

All bills are paid; however, we have gone eight straight months spending more than we have taken in. We have borrowed from the organ fund to cover expenses because we are over \$50,000 short of pledge income year to date. That obligation may be covered by the sale of gifted stock. We are assuming we will get one third of our annual income in the last quarter.

Bill expected to have the audit report by now. He has answered auditor's questions and is hoping to have the report within a few weeks. The bill for services will be \$6500.

Assistant Rector's Report

On this coming Sunday, the youth will display art for sale to benefit Episcopal Relief and Development for hurricane, fire, and natural disaster relief.

All Saints' Day will be different because of a baptism. Children will wear halos but no costumes, and the theme will be that we all are saints of God, including the newly baptized saint.

Susan Hires and Ann Patterson are planning the Christmas pageant.

Intergenerational fun, making wreaths, is planned for after the 10:30 service on the first Sunday of Advent.

Other Business

Pat Kehde reported on the plans for Ploughman's lunch.

Ann Elizabeth Bishop and Father Rob role-played a phone call to encourage members to get their pledge cards in, and the list of outstanding pledge cards was divided among vestry members to make calls.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Clary
Vestry Member

Rector's Report, October 2017

The major events of the past month (Bishop Waynick's visit, the pledge drive, etc.) will likely be covered in other reports, but I can say that the pledge drive has been going very well, and with the hopeful return of most of the outstanding pledge cards we should be having a very good year (with approximately \$420K in pledge income.)

On October 6 David Severance, Nancy Kelley, and I met with the young men who broke into the church and their families, along with the contracted mediators for a "reconciliation circle." This was a structured event intended to move the individuals involved to a satisfactory conclusion of the initial criminal activity and the distress it caused. It was obvious from the conversation that the young men faced serious consequences from their parents as a result of their actions, and we agreed to a set amount of community service time for each young person, that service to be done both inside and outside the parish. Nancy will be coordinating their service. Two of the young men showed up on Sunday to assist with cleaning up after coffee hour at the 10:30 AM service.

Diocesan Convention had several debatable resolutions which could have had an impact on Trinity, but all were voted down.

Liturgical Events:

Katherine Fairchild remembrance: October 1

Madelyn Lord baptism: October 7

Regina Krause funeral: October 21

Upcoming:

November 5: All Saints Day Celebration, Martin baptism

November 11: NE Convocation confirmation

November 12: Knapp baptism