

Trinity Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Monday, November 20, 2017

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

Absent: Jennifer Attocknie, Katie Bieker, Nora Clark

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Fr. Rob read from Matthew 10 in celebration of the Feast Day of Edmund of Anglia.

Declaration of Quorum

A count was taken and a quorum declared.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 2017 Meeting

Kim made a motion to accept the Minutes of the October meeting. Katherine seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Rector's Report

The pledge drive has gone very well, and if most of the outstanding pledge cards are returned, we expect about \$420,000 in pledge income in 2018.

On October 6th, Fr. Rob, Nancy Kelley and David Severance met with the young men who broke into the church, their families, and 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 they 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 one. That service will be done both inside and outside the parish. Nancy will coordinate that service. Two of the young men showed up on a Sunday morning to help with clean-up after coffee hour following the 10:30 service.

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

Fr. Rob will be on vacation December 15-17.

Liturgical events in the past month

- four baptisms
- one wedding
- one funeral

Christmas services

- On Christmas Eve, the 8:00 and 10:30 services will be combined into one at 9:00 a.m. This will be Rite II.
- The pageant will be at 5:30 p.m.
- The late service will be at 10:30 p.m.
- The Christmas Day service will be at 10:00 a.m.

The Vestry went into executive session to discuss ordination processes and the bishop search.

Fr. Rob announced that he will retire from roller derby competition. He is considering coaching a team, but that will not require him to skate.

Treasurer's Report

The financial data collection was completed too late to be available for this meeting, so Bill will send it to everyone by email. We still owe the organ fund \$10,000, which will be paid back by the end of the year.

Bill is updating the year-end data and will prepare a draft of the 2018 budget for the December Vestry meeting. There is currently \$48,000 in outstanding pledge collections for this year.

We are trying to determine who gave the church \$13,000 in stocks so the donation can be attributed to them in their giving statement.

The audit hasn't come back to us yet, but the auditor said everything is looking good.

Assistant Rector's Report

In October Mthr. Susan baptized Emma Fairchild.

Sunday School numbers have continued to increase slowly.

Abby Olcese was recognized at the 10:30 service on November 5th for her work as a Sunday School teacher. She is moving to Overland Park to be closer to her job.

November/Advent events

- Nov. 26 – first Christmas pageant rehearsal. Anne Patterson and Susan Hires have been doing a wonderful job with the pageant planning.
- Dec. 3 – second pageant rehearsal after the 10:30 service, and intergenerational Advent wreath making following both morning services.
- Dec. 10 – third pageant rehearsal, and intergenerational making of Chrismons to decorate the tree
- Dec. 17 – fourth pageant rehearsal
- Dec. 24 – no Sunday School, pageant at 5:30 p.m.

Senior Warden's Report

The Nominating Committee hasn't had much luck in finding people to run for Vestry in January.

Steve recognized Andrew and David for their work as junior wardens. He awarded each of them a Golden Commode in thanks.

Junior Warden's Report

The duct detectors went off on October 28th. The fire department had to cut the lock to the undercroft. Fr. Rob responded, one unit was shut off, and the lock was replaced.

About a dozen people helped with the cleaning day on November 11th.

The church was vandalized on the evening of October 31st. The perpetrator(s) broke in through the choir room window and splattered fake blood around the entryway, library and downstairs. A police report was filed. Some clean-up was done before the November 3rd funeral, then a cleaning crew came in on Saturday, November 4th, to finish the work. The carpet in the basement still needs to be cleaned, but there is concern that the carpet squares may come loose if they are steam cleaned. Kennedy Glass repaired the broken window and a glass tabletop that was damaged.

The lock on the double doors into the sanctuary has been fixed. The thumb latch should no longer work when the doors are locked.

Andrew and David got a proposal from a security expert to strengthen security of the church building. A contract would require an initial payment, then monthly maintenance fees. Andrew suggested that they get at least one more proposal.

David is looking into reactivating the alarm system in the Matthews Building.

Scott Temperature will be in to change filters and evaluate the HVAC units in the undercroft.

Annual Meeting

The 2018 Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 21st, after the 10:30 service. The January Vestry meeting will immediately follow. At that meeting the Vestry will confirm the appointments of the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Treasurer, and the Clerk. We will also accept the rector's housing allowance proposal for 2018.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Thompson, Clerk