

Trinity Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Monday, November 23, 2015

Present: Rob Baldwin (Rector), Susan Terry (Assistant Rector), Andrew Hoyt (Junior Warden), Jennifer Attocknie, Nora Clark, Brenda Clary, Lindy Eakin, Steve King, Glenna Kleinkauf, Terry Mandle, Mari Russell, David Severance, Maria Thompson (Clerk), Bill Benso (Treasurer)

Absent: John Bullock (Senior Warden), Rodney Olson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

Declaration of Quorum

A count was taken and a quorum declared.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 2015 Meeting

Glenna made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October Vestry meeting, with one amendment: Change the word 'Guest' to 'Absent' in the roster. Terry seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Rector's Report (addition to written report)

Office Staffing

- Sarah Johnson has decreased her office hours to five per week.
- Sheryl Poole's hours have been increased to 30 per week.
- Jennifer Holloway has been hired to be our bookkeeper. She is currently scheduled to work ten hours per week.

Trinity Family Ministry

A parishioner has asked that childcare be provided during the Ploughman's Lunch. The vestry discussed the idea, including some problems that would have to be worked out:

- 1) The nursery is used for the bake sale.
- 2) We would have to determine how we could pay at least one person to provide childcare for the entirety of the event.

The Family Ministry would like to have a liaison from the Vestry. Brenda agreed to do it.

Pledges for 2016

Fr. Rob has a list of people who haven't turned in pledge cards for next year. He and members of the Vestry will make contact with them.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee needs to develop a slate or ballot for elections at the Annual Meeting in January. The committee will consist of the four out-going Vestry members: John Bullock, Lindy Eakin, Andrew Hoyt, and Rodney Olson.

Library

Glenna made a motion to name the library the Turney Family Library to honor the work Austin and Ruth Turney, and their son, Austin, have done to help create and maintain our excellent collection. Lindy seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Assistant Rector's Report

Family Ministry

- The Family Ministry's pie gathering was a success.
- They would like to develop some kind of welcome gift for new families.

Events

- La Posada – Mthr. Susan passed around the Posada sign-up sheet for Vestry members who want to participate.
- Advent Fun Day – More volunteers are needed to help with set-up and activities.

Junior Warden's Report (addition to written report)

Some of the pews need minor repairs.

Classroom Doors

Dave Severance received a bid of \$1,800 for putting glass in five classroom doors. Some Vestry members thought this might be too high and would like to see at least one more bid. There was also concern about doing the work without budgeting the money for it. Steve, Andrew and Dave will discuss this further, and come up with something to present to the rest of the group.

Gift for Dick and Rita Tracy

A committee is working to find pictures of all our past deacons to put in a composite frame to honor Dick and Rita Tracy for their many years of service. It will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Sunday School

There have been discussions about moving Sunday School to 9:30-10:15, then have Children's Chapel during the 10:30 service. Some parents have asked for the change so they can attend the Adult Forum while their kids are in classes, and most of the teachers are willing to make the change.

Trinity Church Worksheet

Vestry members were asked to fill out a worksheet regarding social justice and diversity within Trinity and Lawrence, followed by a discussion.

- Social justice issues in Lawrence include: a culture of poverty (hunger, homelessness); racism; mental illness; and a lack of medical care for lower-income families.
- Issues that are important to Trinity include feeding the poor; children and families; and the environment.
- Diversity at Trinity, in comparison to Lawrence:
 - fewer ethnic minorities;
 - fewer working poor and homeless adults and families;
 - similar ratio of gay and straight people.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Fr. Rob led a prayer to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Thompson, Clerk