

Trinity Church Vestry Meeting

July 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:36am by Dell O'Hara

Roll Call:

Present: Tim Lush, Carol Scollay, Dell O'Hara, Dani Cundiff, Russ Bennett, Diane Surmonte, Denise Surman, and Patty Forbes

Absent: Barry Bowling, Jerry Spanarkel, and Lesley Castellini

Minutes:

- Minutes from the June 16, 2019 meeting were read. Russ Bennett made a motion to accept the minutes. Tim Lush seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Report:

- Plate and Pledge contributions are down significantly. We are now below budget for regular giving as prepaid pledges are no longer balancing out decreased giving.
- Expenses were low this month due to timing issues, so we ended the month with a surplus.
- Year to Date parish deficit is \$2,200.
- We began our midyear matching campaign this weekend which will boost giving and increase pledging units.

Old Business:

- Epiphany Studios is currently manufacturing the window covering for the Epiphany window.
- Posten/Weiland Scholarship Committee will develop a formal policy for awarding the yearly scholarship to present to vestry for approval.

New Business:

- The Diocese is asking for a paper to be signed attesting to Doug Worthington's vestry approval of being ordained to the Diaconate. Dell O'Hara made a motion that vestry certify that Douglas Worthington "for at least three years, has lived a sober, honest, and godly life, and is loyal to the Doctrine, Discipline, or Worship of this Church, and does not hold anything contrary thereto. And, moreover, we think Douglas Worthington, a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Deacons." Lesley Castellini seconded. Motion carried.
- Parking Lot – Fiore Paving came out to give an estimate. It is their opinion that the foundation of the old rectory is under the lot and that the wood is rotting and collapsing causing warping of the lot. Their recommendation is that the area be excavated and re paved to prevent further warping and sinking. Will ask Jerry Spanarkel to look further into the issue.

- Rectory – vestry discussed the possible sale of the rectory. Lesley Castellini made a motion that the vestry move forward with the sale of the rectory. Diane Surmonte seconded. Motion carried.
- Dell O’Hara made a motion that vestry form a Rectory Oversight Committee to coordinate all aspects of the sale of the rectory. Committee would consist of Lesley Castellini, Patty Forbes, Tim Lush, Michael Parent, Bill Presutti, Bruce Sherrill, and Carol Scollay. Russ Bennett seconded motion carried.
- Spanish Services – We held a staff meeting with Padre Ramón. His position will change to that of a consultant to churches in the Diocese starting Spanish ministries. Vestry discussed the service. We will continue the discussion with the Diocese.

At this point Diane Surmonte left the meeting.

- Supply Clergy – Fr. Bill has committed to fill in as supply for as long as needed through Christmas. He will begin attending vestry meetings.
- One of the members of the newly formed audit committee has dropped out. Patty Forbes made a motion that the Parish Audit Committee to audit the 2018 financials of Trinity Church shall consist of Rebecca Nichols, Scott Helsel, and Bruce Sherrill. Dell O’Hara seconded. Motion carried.
- The Choir School of Asbury Park has closed. They have donated the instruments to Trinity Church for Samantha to use at her discretion. Tim Lush made a motion that Samantha Scheff be authorized to use, sell, or donate the instruments as she sees necessary. Patty Forbes seconded. Motion carried.

Lesley Castellini made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Dell O’Hara seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Osis