

TRINITY CHURCH VESTRY MEETING  
NOVEMBER 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 am by Dell O'Hara

Roll Call:

Present: Dell O' Hara, Leslie Castellini, Diane Surmonte, Jerry Spanarkel, Tim Lush, Patty Forbes, Dani Cundiff, Russell Bennett

Absent: Carol Scollay, Denise Surman

Father Bill led us in Prayer

Minutes:

- Minutes from the October 20, 2019 meeting were read. Jerry Spanarkel made a motion to accept the minutes. Diane Surmonte seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Report:

- Plate and pledge are down from budget, but have been holding steady for the last few months.
- Budgeted expenses have been at or well below budget which has helped us to keep a more balanced budget than we had anticipated. This is due to using supply clergy and keeping other expenses low for the year.
- Year to date we are at a surplus of \$10,000 for the year when we had budgeted to be at a deficit of \$30,000. This is positive news for the 2019 fiscal year.
- There will be a large swing in this savings when we hire a priest-in-charge in 2020. We will be back in a deficit situation and that amount will depend on the package approved by Vestry.
- Finance Committee is meeting today to begin a preliminary 2020 budget to bring to the Vestry for discussion and guidance in December.

Discussion and approval of support for transfer of ordination of Roberto Rojas and Felipe Huamani:

- Dell O'Hara and Padre Ramon Uberia discussed and reviewed process of transfer of ordination.
- Trinity's obligation is \$600 per candidate and funds would be used from the Continuing Education fund in the budget.
- Each candidate needed Vestry approval and two votes were necessary. Dani Cundiff made a motion to approve support for Felipe Huaman. Patty Forbes seconded. Motion carried. Tim Lush made a motion to approve support for Roberto Rojas. Patty Forbes seconded. Motion carried.

Derek Minno-Bloom advised on plan to hire social worker for Food Justice Program:

- Each Vestry member was given a handout detailing educational requirements and job description of applicant. Derek presented an overview of his plan/responsibilities for this position.
- Discussion only; pending vote on position at a later date.

Stewardship Update:

- Patty Forbes gave an update on Stewardship campaign. To date: 68 pledges were received pledging \$199,695 in funds. Of which, 13 were new pledges and 3 were returning members!! 49 units have not pledged from last year and these members will be identified and contacted via phone and/or written notes encouraging participation in the 2020 fiscal year.

Sidewalk Update:

- Jerry Spanarkel gave an update on the sidewalk repair and presented 3 quotes for Vestry review/consideration. One quote was very high, the other two were reasonable. After discussion about contractors, Leslie Castellini made a motion to accept the bid from Tino's General Construction for repair amount of \$7400.00. Dani Cundiff seconded. Motion carried.
- The funds would be split: \$3700.00 from the Capital Expense budget and \$3700.00 from the Food Justice budget since the sidewalk in question serves the area most often used by Food Justice patrons.

Parking Lot Update:

- Dani Cundiff and Jerry Spanarkel both spoke about the repairs to the parking lot closest to the church. We are examining the possibility that these repairs could be covered by church insurance. To be determined: still checking charter.

Update on Nominations for Vestry 2020:

- Dani Cundiff reviewed the applicants wishing to run for the 2020 open Vestry positions. A short profile and picture of each candidate are due by November 30, 2019.
- Those running are:
  - Warden (1 for 2 year term) Dell O'Hara
  - Vestry (3 for 3 year term) Adrienne Wert, Patty Forbes, Charles Hagon & Russell Bennett
  - Vestry (1 for 2 year term) Linda Storm & William Presutti
  - Vestry (1 for 1 year term) Timothy Lush

Annual meeting update:

- The date and time for the Annual Meeting in January was discussed. It was proposed that the Annual Meeting be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020 after the 10am service with a luncheon to follow. Dani Cundiff made a motion to hold the Annual Meeting on 1/26. Tim Lush seconded. Motion carried.

Rectory Sale Update: The closing is scheduled for December 23, 2019. It was decided to table the discussion on how to distribute the funds of the rectory sale until the December Vestry meeting.

- The list of repairs required to receive a Certificate of Occupancy from the City of Asbury Park was reviewed and which repairs are a priority were designated.
- With the sale of the rectory approaching, a discussion ensued regarding a winter rental for Fr. Bill while he is in town as our Supply Priest. Patty Forbes will continue to examine possibilities, availability and rent.

Marks of Mission: The amount proposed in preparation for the December 7, 2019 meeting was \$41,000.00 towards the Marks of Mission. Dani Cundiff made a motion to accept the proposal. Tim Lush seconded. Motion carried.

Leslie Castellini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:18pm. Patty Forbes seconded. Motion carried.

Fr. Bill lead us in closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Russell Bennett  
Clerk of the Vestry