

Trinity Church Vestry Meeting

June 23, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by the Rev. Chase Danford. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Roll Call:

Present: The Rev. Chase Danford, Lesley Castellini, Carol Scollay, Adrienne Wert, Bill Presutti, Russ Bennett, Andy Place, Gregory Curatolo, Wendy Jaghab, and Dell O'Hara

Absent: Charles Hagon and Patty Forbes

Minutes:

- Minutes from the May 13, 2021 vestry meeting were read. The Mutual Ministry review was corrected to say, "The vestry and Priest-in-Charge need to begin this within 30 days of Chase's 1-year anniversary at Trinity. We are looking to have a vestry retreat to complete this." Bill Presutti made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Lesley Castellini seconded. Motion carried.

Priest-in-Charge's Report:

- Our services are completely open. Masks and social distancing are not required for those who are vaccinated. Singing is allowed by all.
- Staffing
 - o We have made an offer to a Social Justice Development Manager. The position has been accepted by Siobhan Noland.
 - o We have not had any appropriate candidates apply for the property or children's ministry positions.
 - o During a conversation with members of the Diocesan ECS, we talked about youth resiliency. We would like to convert our youth & children's job position into a dual position that includes youth organizing. This position would be funded ½ by parish funds and ½ by Social Justice funds.
 - o Music position is on hold until the organ is repaired.
- Buildings & Grounds
 - o ADA – We have received an anonymous gift of \$50,000 to fund the engagement of SCCS to manage the conceptual design period of our ADA project. This will manage design, and help with feasibility and phasing.
 - o The kitchen floor project needs to be scheduled and completed.
 - o Our neighbors at 511 Asbury Ave. approached us about the tree in front of the gym. It is very overgrown and they are going to have the branches hanging over their property trimmed by Jeff Longo, who we also used to trim our trees. Jeff believes that the entire tree needs care for its overall health. The neighbors are willing to split the cost with us to do the entire tree. \$1,100 each.

- Social Justice Radical Wellbeing program – will be starting a program to provide resources and tools for life skills. We will be reaching out for volunteers from the Trinity community.
- Mutual Ministry – We will work on the Mutual Ministry questions individually and discuss at our next vestry meeting.
- Meeting dates – We will send out a Doodle poll to schedule next month’s meeting. There will be no August meeting, we’ll take the month off.

Wardens’ Report:

- In January, we can start to move forward with having the Priest-in-Charge position convert to a Rector position. Will reach out to the Diocese to check on what the process is to do this.
- Roof – We have leaks in the church and the chimney that we need to have someone look at and evaluate. We will call a mason.

Finance Report:

- Report given by Michael Parent
- Our organ needs repair. There are reservoirs that are ripped. We have received 3 bids for the project. All 3 are reputable companies. After discussion, Vestry would like to contract with Larry Trupiano’s company. He is an expert in our type of organ and will repair it with the same materials originally used and in the same way that it was originally built.
- Giving is on target.
- We are still ahead on total income for the year due to the PPP loan.
- Diocesan Investment Fund now holds all of our Rectory proceeds. This will generate a substantial part of our revenue going forward.
- Mid-year giving statements will be going out.

New Business:

- Bill Presutti made the following motion: The Vestry of Trinity Church testifies to the following statement of support of the postulancy of Rocco Sherman: to our belief, based on personal knowledge or on evidence that is satisfactory to us, that Rocco Sherman, who is a confirmed adult communicant of this Church in good standing, is sober, honest, and godly. We do also declare that in our opinion they possess such qualifications as fit them to be admitted as a Postulant for Holy Orders. We further certify that we would be glad to have such a person minister in our parish. We state further that our congregation will be involved in an ongoing way in the nominee’s preparation for ordination to the Diaconate in accordance with Title III, Canon 6, Sec. 2(a) of the national church canons. Lesley Castellini seconded. Motion carried. Russ Bennet abstained.
- Lesley Castellini made the following motion: The Vestry of Trinity Church accepts the proposal from SCCS Group to provide construction oversight for the ADA renovation project during the conceptual phase, as outlined in their proposal, for the amount of \$31,500. Additionally, the Vestry authorizes up to an additional \$30,000 for additional services associated with completing this phase including site evaluations, architectural/structural design study, written findings and proposed solutions. Dell O’Hara seconded. Motion carried.

- Andy Place made the following motion: The Vestry of Trinity Church authorizes the expenditure of a maximum of \$30,000 for the salary of the Youth Worker and Family Minister staff position. \$15,000 of the salary will come from the parish budget and \$15,000 of the salary will come from the social justice budget. Wendy Jaghab seconded. Motion carried.
- Wendy Jaghab made the following motion: The Vestry of Trinity Church accepts the proposal of Longo Tree Experts to prune the tree in front of the gymnasium on a shared basis with the neighbors located at 511 Asbury Avenue. Trinity's share of this project will be \$1,100. Adrienne Wert seconded. Motion carried.
- Wendy Jaghab made the following motion: The Vestry of Trinity Church authorizes Larry Trupiano to complete necessary repairs to our Aeolian Skinner organ as outlined in their proposal for the amount of \$21,525. Russ Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Lesley Castellini made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Carol Scollay seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Osis, Recording Secretary