

Trinity Church Vestry Meeting

October 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by the Rev. Chase Danford. The meeting was held 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, Andy Place, Gregory Curatolo, Wendy Jaghab, Russ Bennett, James Pillar and Dell O'Hara

Absent: Charles Hagon

Minutes:

- Minutes from the September 22, 2021 vestry meeting were read. Andy Place made a motion to accept the minutes. Lesley seconded. Motion carried.

Priest-in-Charge's Report:

- The vestry retreat was held a week ago. Vestry formed a vision statement and worked on the mutual ministry review. We also did visioning for the next year and 5 years from now.
- Attendance at our in-person worship services is improving and the parish energy level is up.
- We have a lot of positive, energetic events are happening.
- We are holding Safe Church training on Saturday. The vestry is encouraged to attend.
- The Nominating Committee has been formed.

Wardens' Report:

- Dell contacted the Diocese about Fr. Chase transitioning from Priest-in-Charge to Rector of Trinity Church. We will send them a letter requesting that his position be changed. We will need to draw up a new Letter of Agreement. Bishop Stokes will come to the parish to do a Celebration of New Ministry (Installation).

Finance Report:

- Report given by Michael Parent
- Our investments and cash balances are positive and stable.
- The Diocesan Investment Trust is up \$78,000 year to date.
- All income and expenses are on target for the year.
- We are working on modifying and improving the Chart of Accounts for the parish and social justice program.
- We will begin the budgeting process for 2022 in the next 4-6 weeks.

Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds
 - Kevin is actively working on getting quotes for the parking lot.
 - There are 2 areas of concern that are leaking. One is the chimney connected to the organ loft and the other is the cupola over the gym. Working on quotes to assess and fix.
 - WIC is returning to the building on the 25th of this month.
 - A donation was made to remove certain bushes and trees on the property to clean up areas and keep the building walls clear.
 - We met with SCCS and potential architects. We are working through the process.
 - We are addressing poor lighting in the parking lot to make it safer.
- Stewardship
 - The committee wrote 150 hand-written notes to the parish.
 - Stewardship gifts are ready to be delivered.
 - This has been a very positive campaign and is going well.
 - We will be reaching out to parishioners with questions for stewardship and NJ Together.
- Grants and Fundraising
 - The new Diocesan initiative, Episcopal Community Services, awarded Trinity \$15,000 for our new Radical Wellbeing program.
- Social Justice
 - We will be hosting concerts (punk and hip-hop) and book fairs with social justice themes.
 - The VNA wants to do tabling and direct services during our community meal with a focus on harm reduction.
 - Women's Hospitality Network is looking at their options for the winter. Vestry discussed safety issues due to the pandemic.
- Music & Worship
 - We are continuing to interview candidates for the Music Director position. We have one person coming next week to interview in person.
 - Coming Out Day was a wonderful celebration. We are working on the Trans Day of Remembrance service for November.
- Children & Youth
 - October will be the last of our outdoor services. We will move indoors and possibly add in Sunday School.

New Business:

- Resolutions

- Bill Presutti made the following motion: The Vestry of Trinity Church authorizes the audit of the 2020 financials of Trinity Church. The Parish Audit Committee shall consist of Bruce Sherrill, Lisa Bovino, and Alan Woodruff. Andy Place seconded. Motion carried.
- Gregory Curtolo made the following motion: The Vestry of Trinity Church sets the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting for January 23, 2022. Carol Scollay seconded. Motion carried.
- Jim Pillar made the following motion: The Vestry of Trinity Church approves the Parish Vision Statement as presented (attached). Wendy Jaghab seconded. Motion carried.
- Russ Bennett made the following motion: The Vestry of Trinity Church approves the Mutual Ministry Review as presented (attached). Carol Scollay seconded. Motion carried.

Carol Scollay made a motion to adjourn at 8:54pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Osis, Recording Secretary