

# Trinity Church Vestry Meeting

## November 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm 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, Bill Presutti, Andy Place, Gregory Curatolo, Wendy Jaghab, Russ Bennett, Charles Hagon, James Pillar and Dell O'Hara

Absent: Adrienne Wert

### Minutes:

- Minutes from the October 20, 2021 vestry meeting were read. Carol Scollay made a motion to accept the minutes. Gregory Curatolo seconded. Motion carried.
- The following email vote was read into the minutes: On November 1, 2021 the following email resolution was proposed by The Rev. Chase Danford: The Vestry of Trinity Church approves the following Vision Statement:  
"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God...For if we love one another, God abides in us, and God's love will be perfected in us." (1 John 4:7, 12)  
Love is at the very core of Trinity Church. Through our faith and ministry, we seek to share Jesus Christ's unconditional, revolutionary love for all of God's creation and people. We demonstrate love in action by respecting the dignity of all, practicing radical hospitality, standing in solidarity with the marginalized, advocating for peace and justice, dismantling structural racism and every system of oppression, embracing inclusivity, maintaining our sacred space as a spiritual and physical sanctuary, and pursuing ecological sustainability. Strengthened by joyful worship, prayer, lifelong spiritual formation, stewardship of resources, pastoral care, and fellowship, we commit to follow Jesus in the Way of Love.  
The motion carried.
- The following email vote was read into the minutes: On November 11, 2021, the following email resolution was proposed by The Rev. Chase Danford:  
The Vestry of Trinity Church approves the quote from Brothers Railings, LLC and authorizes them to replace the railings at the entrance of the gym for \$2,500. Funding for the railings will be split as follows: Parish funds \$625 and Social Justice funds \$1,875.  
The motion carried.

### Priest-in-Charge's Report:

- We are in the process of annual staff reviews. It includes self-evaluation and supervisor feedback.
- We currently have 3 candidates for music director. Interviews continue.
- Fr. Chase was added to the Bishop's search committee as an at-large member.
- Monmouth Parks System wants to lease space for their after-school recreation program. They are looking for 3 afternoons per week and year-round storage space.

#### Wardens' Report:

- Dell has been corresponding with the Bishop about Fr. Chase moving from Priest-in-Charge to Rector. Bishop Stokes supports this and wants to come meet with the Vestry.
- Nominating Committee – all vestry and warden positions have candidates committed to running. Still working on Delegates and Alternates to Convention and Convocation.

#### Finance Report:

- Report given by Jill Osis.
- Recurring Plate is up. This usually means that we have more people attending, especially visitors and those not pledging/giving regularly.
- All Parish Income and Expenses are as expected.
- Social Justice now has a deficit for the year but we are expecting reimbursements from the Cares Grant for housing.
- Capital Expenses are \$51,000. We are expecting reimbursement for part of this.
- Parish Audit is in progress.
- We had several checks stolen from the Social Justice Checking Account. We were able to shut down the account before any funds were taken from our account. We closed the account and funds were transferred back into the main checking account.

#### Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds
  - o We passed our Fire Department inspection for the year.
  - o The stained glass window repair has been delayed until after the first of the year.
  - o We received a quote for extensive work to fix the leak over the organ. The committee wants to explore other options.
  - o We received 3 quotes to fix or repair the parking lot. The parking lot is dangerous and needs immediate attention. The committee feels that fixing it, not replacing it at this point is the way to proceed.
- Stewardship
  - o We had a strong start to our Stewardship campaign.
  - o We received 70 pledges for \$210,588. 14% of those are new or returning pledges; 45% increased their pledges.
- Social Justice
  - o Our concert series began with punk bands playing.
  - o We received a grant from the Diocesan ECS-NJ for \$15,000 for the Radical Wellbeing Program.
  - o We are applying for a grant to address education and social justice.
  - o Code Blue remains in hotels this year.
  - o Women's Hospitality Network will use a combination of hotels and long-term housing to address the needs of their clients this year.

- Adult Education
  - o Our Coffee Hour Conversations will be an Advent Study.
- Children & Youth
  - o We will hold a meeting with families about moving forward with our youth program.

New Business:

- Vestry discussed the format of the Annual Meeting this year. They decided that it will be an online meeting over Zoom.
- Resolutions
  - o Bill Presutti made the following motion: The Vestry of Trinity Church accepts and approves the quote from Eosso Brothers Paving and authorizes them to complete the infrared parking lot repairs for \$6,500. Carol Scollay seconded. Motion carried.

Carol Scollay made a motion to adjourn at 8:53pm. Lesley Castellini seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Osis, Recording Secretary