

Trinity Church Vestry Meeting

March 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm 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, Andy Place, Wendy Jaghab, Charles Hagon, Russ Bennett, James Pillar, Gregory Curatolo, Bill Presutti and Donna Griffin

Absent:

Minutes:

- Minutes from the January 23, 2022 special vestry meeting were read. Bill Presutti made a motion to accept the minutes. Carol Scollay seconded. Motion carried.
- Minutes from the February 16, 2022 vestry meeting were read. Jim Pillar made a motion to accept the minutes. Charlie Hagon seconded. Motion carried.

Rector's Report:

- We are preparing for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Services are being planned. We will be holding our Easter sunrise service again.
- Our parish retreat to Holy Cross is next week.
- Discussed our current Covid protocols. Vestry discussed and is in agreement that all services and program EXCEPT for the 10am Sunday service will now be masks optional.
 - o Fellowship events will be allowed indoor with food.
 - o Meetings without children present can be masks optional.
 - o The 10am service will remain masked and we will re-evaluate this policy after Easter.

Lesley Castellini joined the meeting.

- Community Building
 - o The Shrove Tuesday Bingo event was successful, well-attended, and fun!
 - o Pride Parade and Festival is the first Sunday in June.
 - o We are going to be working on community events, social media presence and getting information out about Trinity.

Finance Report:

- Report given by Jill Osis.
- February was strong for both plate and recurring giving. Plate is up significantly which indicates an increase in attendance and newcomers/visitors. Recurring giving includes some full-year pledge payments.
- Building Maintenance is high due to several projects recently approved.
- Gardens & Grounds line is high in February due to significant snow removal.

- Social Justice Housing line item is high. These funds are being reimbursed to us from a grant. We should see a significant deposit in the next few months to reimburse a large portion of this year and last year's housing expenses.
- The Diocesan Investment Trust has lost value with the downturn in the market but is still above \$1,000,000. Next month we will talk more about how the DIT is set up and dividends are paid.

Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds
 - o Jim Pillar will chair the Buildings & Grounds Committee.
 - o We received the initial architectural report for ADA access with options; we will meet to discuss and refine.
 - o Sewer line needs to be replaced from the gym to the street. It will be replaced with PVC pipe and the tree can remain for now.
 - o JW Bills is the preferred vendor for the chimney/roof repair above the organ and hallway. They have done extensive work on other churches in the area and have a very good reputation.
- Stewardship
 - o We will put together a plan for year-round stewardship.
- Music
 - o We will be exploring seating for the choir. We are currently looking into the possibility of building removable risers.
- Grants
 - o We have applied for the second round of the Diocesan ECS Grant for the Radical Wellbeing Project.
- Social Justice
 - o We are providing a significant amount of housing funding to community members through the Radical Wellbeing Project.
 - o We continue to work on providing resources for housing stabilization.
 - o We met with NJ Together and are discussing ideas for community programming.
- Adult Formation
 - o We have several Lenten programs happening in a variety of formats.
- Children, Youth & Family
 - o Sunday School has expanded to 2 classes.
 - o The 10am service on the day of Chase's institution will be child-centered.
- Hospitality
 - o We will begin to think about coffee hour options and planning parish hospitality events.

New Business:

- Resolutions

- Wendy Jaghab put forth the following motion: The Vestry of Trinity Church approves the proposed 2021 Parochial Report as drafted and authorizes the report to be signed and sent to the Diocese of New Jersey and The Executive Council of The Episcopal Church. Carol Scollay seconded. Motion carried.
- Wendy Jaghab put forth the following motion: The Vestry of Trinity Church approves the attached proposal submitted by Young's Water and Sewer Inc. to replace the sewer line from the front of the gym to the sidewalk for a total of \$6,040. The funds for the project will be split evenly between Parish and Social Justice. Gregory Curatolo seconded. Motion carried.
- Lesley Castellini put forth the following motion: The Vestry of Trinity Church approves the attached proposal submitted by J.W. Bills & Sons, Inc. to repair and seal the chimney over the organ loft and sacristy for total of \$21,000. Russell Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Vestry discussed the upcoming Institution of Fr. Chase as Trinity's Rector. Donna Griffin made the following motion: The Vestry of Trinity Church authorizes an expenditure of up to \$4,000 for planning Chase's Celebration of New Ministry on May 1st. Wendy Jaghab seconded. Motion carried.

Adrienne Wert made a motion to adjourn at 9:06pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Osis, Recording Secretary