

## Trinity Church Vestry Meeting

January 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:16pm by the Rev. Chase Danford.

The meeting opened with prayer/moment of silence.

### Roll Call:

- Present: The Rev. Chase Danford, Andy Place, Jim Pillar, Gregory Curatolo, Wendy Jaghab, Adrienne Wert, Donna Griffin, Russell Bennett, Lesley Castellini, and Carol Scollay.
- Absent: Bill Presutti and Charlie Hagon.

### Minutes:

- Minutes from the December 14, 2022 vestry meeting were read. Andy Place made a motion to accept the minutes. Lesley Castellini seconded. Motion carried.

### Rectors Report:

- Parish vitality: We are growing! Parish is growing and new members are joining. We had 120 in attendance for 2 Sundays in a row in December. Giving is growing! We have collected 91 pledge cards for a total of \$289,032. Of those, 21 are new or returning pledges. We are hoping for 100 pledges by the annual meeting. We are thrilled to have so many commit to supporting Trinity Church and the work we do in the community! Choir is growing! The choir has added new members. In general, we are healthy.

### Bishop Election:

- A new Bishop will be elected on January 28, 2023. There are 5 very qualified candidates from all across the country. The candidate bios are listed on the Diocesan web-site. Our Adult Education forum will be held Sunday, January 22 at 9am: What do Bishops do and how are they chosen? Conducted by Deacon Gail and Deacon Carolyn.

### Annual Meeting:

- Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023 after the 10am Service in the Parish Hall at 11:30am. The vestry will present the 2023 budget, review parish ministries and elect new vestry members: Lesley (Warden) and Donna, Adrienne and Maria (Vestry), as well as, convention delegates Chris, Alan and Lori.

### Social Justice:

- Social Justice Fundraiser at Spring Lake Theater Friday, February 3, 2023: "Clue -On Stage" Tickets are \$30 and include a dessert and coffee reception. Ticket sales have been strong.

#### Coffee Hour:

- Festive coffee hour was well received. We are considering holding a 'festive' coffee hour once a month on the last Sunday of the month hosted by different ministry groups.

#### Warden's Report:

- Carol thanked Russell Bennett for his 5 years of service on the Vestry. The new vestry Members will be elected at the Annual Meeting. Larry Myers will be recognized and presented with a gift for his many years as Treasurer.

#### Financial Report:

- Giving remains strong! We have already surpassed our budgeted amount for Recurring Plate. We will more than likely reach our budgeted amount for Recurring Contributions.
- 2023 Budget highlights: We have increased recurring plate contributions by 5K. We have increased recurring contributions by 50K. General Fund Raising is budgeted at 5K. Diocesan Fair Share remains about the same. Supply Clergy and organist expenses are up somewhat—approximately \$500 per week for section leaders. Fr. Chase acknowledges that these are aggressive, but he feels these are achievable goals. He feels we need to invest in the health and vitality of the church now.

#### Old Business:

- Read into Minutes the January 8, 2023 E-vote:
- "The Vestry of Trinity Church approves the following slate of candidates presented by the Nominating Committee for the 2023 Annual Meeting:
- Warden 2-year term: Lesley Castellini
- Vestry 3-year term: Adrienne Wert, Donna Griffin and Maria Tassiello
- Convention Delegates: Lori Harrje, Chris Tyree and Alan Woodruff"

#### Reports:

##### Buildings and Grounds:

- Repair estimate for Chapel roof is \$80,000. B&G will continue to explore options.
- Accessibility project update: KSS has withdrawn their bid for the project. Ryall-Sheridan is interested in working with us.
- New sound system is coming soon and HVAC upgrades are complete.
- Discussion regarding new carpet or LVT in common areas. Wendy Jaghab's company has graciously offered to donate the carpet.

##### Stewardship:

- 91 pledge cards have been received for a total of \$289,032.
- Stewardship conversations will continue year round

Grants/Fundraising: No Report

Social Justice:

- Women's Hospitality Network: (WHO) We are hosting women experiencing homelessness two nights per week on Thursday and Sunday.
- Monmouth Community Organization: (MCO) We are working on Code Blue solutions
- Fall fundraiser for St. Augustine's food pantry raised \$1000

Worship: No Report

- Adult Formation:
- Anti-Racism training program to begin on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 for 5 weeks in a row – additionally one more follow up training one month later.

Children Youth and Families: No Report

Hospitality/Parish Events:

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is back!
- Committee is considering a Talent Show the Monday before Easter
- Plans for Agape dinner are being discussed

New Business:

- Resolution to adopt the 2023 Budget:
- The Vestry of Trinity Church accepts the 2023 budget as presented. Jim Pillar made a motion to accept the 2023 Budget. Wendy Jaghab seconded. Motion carried.

Adrienne Wert made a motion to adjourn at 8:38pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Russell Bennett, Clerk