

Trinity Church Vestry Meeting

April 20, 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, Wendy Jaghab, Russ Bennett, James Pillar, Gregory Curatolo, and Bill Presutti

Absent: Charles Hagon, Donna Griffin, and Andy Place,

Minutes:

- Minutes from the March 16, 2022 vestry meeting were read. Bill Presutti made a motion to accept the minutes. Wendy Jaghab seconded. Motion carried.
- The following email resolution was made by Chase Danford on March 31, 2022: The Vestry of Trinity Church approves the attached proposal from Bob Nelson Plumbing & Heating Inc. to replace the office wing water heater with a 52-gallon electric water heater plus permit fees for a maximum \$2,000. Motion was seconded by Gregory Curatolo. The motion carried with one abstention.
- The following email resolution was made by Chase Danford on April 14, 2022: The Vestry of Trinity Church approves a short-term loan of \$5,600 to The Women's Hospitality Network in order to maintain the housing of WHN participants for the remainder of April. These funds are to be taken from Social Justice at Trinity with the expectation that they will be returned by The Women's Hospitality Network within 2 months after The Monmouth County Board of Commissioners approves and reimburses their program through their previously awarded housing grant. Motion was seconded by Wendy Jaghab. The motion carried.

Rector's Report:

- We had a wonderful, inspiring Holy Week and Easter. Fr. Chase thanked everyone who helped make the week meaningful.
- Vestry discussed our current Covid protocols and is in agreement that all services and program will now be masks optional.
- Vestry would like to go back to holding in-person vestry meetings, we will begin next month.
- We are continuing to work on the best options for choir seating.
- Fr. Chase encouraged vestry members to always raise questions and concerns with e-vote resolutions at any time.
- Fr. Robin Pierre from the Diocese is leading a Creole-language Holy Eucharist service in the chapel on Sundays at noon.
- The Bishop Search Committee has released the Diocesan Profile and they are accepting nominations for the next Bishop of New Jersey.
- The vestry will have a part in the upcoming Celebration of New Ministry for Fr. Chase.

Wardens' Report

- The Wardens will begin writing a new series called "Do You Know" for the bulletin and blast. It will have interesting facts and stories as well as informing the congregation of building projects and costs.
- Continuing to look for a solution to the parking issue.

Finance Report:

- Report given by Michael Parent
- We are having some large cash outlays around Building & Grounds projects and Social Justice. We need to keep a close eye on this as the year progresses.
- YTD parish income and expense is currently stable.
- The parish is moving in a positive direction and finances should follow.
- Depending on upcoming needs and projects, we may have to make a withdrawal from the DIT.
- Social Justice is showing a deficit of \$40,000 due to grant funds being spent that have not yet been reimbursed by the grantors.

Committee Reports:

- Building & Grounds
 - o The boiler unit has been replaced.
 - o The railings are on the schedule to be replaced in April.
 - o The trees at the back of the building were hanging over and laying on our roof. They have been trimmed.
- Grants
 - o We have been awarded another \$15,000 grant from ECS for our Radical Well-being Project.
- Social Justice
 - o We will be continuing our discussion about separate 501(c)3 designation for Social Justice.
 - o We will be forming an advisory committee to help guide our social justice programs.
- Worship
 - o We will need to start discussing funding of our choral section leaders through fundraising and/or budgeting.
 - o The Celebration of New Ministry plans are underway. All is going well and we look forward to celebrating our mutual ministry.
- Adult Formation
 - o Pride parade and festival plans are coming together. We have a committee working on it.

- Children, Youth, & Families
 - o We need to begin our search for a CYF Director.
 - o Sunday School is going well and we have parents volunteering to teach and help.
 - o Sunday School will end in mid-June and we will work on summer planning. Fr. Geoff is going to work on talking with families about youth events throughout the year.
- Hospitality
 - o Adrienne Wert has agreed to serve as the chair of the Hospitality/Parish Events Committee. She will be working to re-form the committee.
 - o We will be planning some summer fellowship events.
- Sharing the Good News
 - o We are working on welcome bags & brochures

Adrienne Wert made a motion to adjourn at 8:58pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Osis, Recording Secretary