

Trinity Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes at Trinity and via Zoom
September 16, 2021

Present: Mother Sarah Ginolfi, Priest in Charge, Fern Fryer, Warden, Jay Slenker, Melissa Alarie, Kathy Hall via zoom, Rich Jones, Dave Thurmer, and Holly Webb
Absent: Krey Kellington

I. Call to Order: Mother Sarah called the meeting to order at 5:00PM with a prayer.

II. August minutes: Rich made a **motion** to approve the August minutes, seconded by Dave. Motion put to a vote; unanimous approval no abstentions.

III. Treasurer's Report: A **motion** was made by Jay to accept the August Treasurer's Reports for both the Operating and Non Operating Funds, seconded by Rich. Discussion regarding what an expenditure from the Property Fund was for. Linda will be asked to confirm the reason for expenditure. Jay reported that the dishwasher and washing machine are having problems and will probably have to be replaced. The motion was put to a vote; unanimous approval no abstentions.

IV. Priest-in-Charge Report:

1. Mother Sarah reported Home Coming Sunday was a success. Many people stayed after the service for the out-door after service refreshments. She thanks Kathy and Ernie for their help in providing the refreshments and setting up.

2. Books and other items have been culled from the church library. Sarah is looking for updated replacement books.

3. Sarah's schedule is filling up quickly. Six people affiliated with Trinity have died over the past year. Due to covid-19 restrictions, services were delayed. Two funerals are now completed. The remaining four are being scheduled.

4. Wendy will be taking her vacation beginning September 25- October 17 depending on travel restrictions. Therefore Logos will be timed out for October.

5. Wendy, Melissa and Sarah have been updating the Trinity Website and transferring some of the information to Facebook.

6. The Bishop of Vermont will be visiting Trinity May 15th at 11:00AM. Bishop Shannon would like to meet with the Vestry May 11th by Zoom.

Items to be added to agenda - none.

V. New Business

A. Building Needs: Jeff has bought a humidifier. Rich will make sure a hose of sufficient length is attached for drainage. Cracked tiles are being patched. Sarah reported the plumber recommends grounding the outlet for the washing machine. Jay will help Sarah, if necessary to find a person to get the outlet grounded. Sarah has priced a dishwasher and washing machine at several stores. A **motion** was made by Fern: to approve spending \$2,000.00 for appliances, seconded by Melissa; vote was called with unanimous approval no abstentions. Windows in the rectory have been replaced.

B. Parking lot lease: Sarah has a copy of a letter from Bill Meub requesting the Vestry vote to approve the terms of the new lease. Discussion regarding the amount of rent and when the rent was last raised resulted in a recommendation to increase the rent to \$1,250.00 per month. Repair costs of the parking lot would continue to be split 50/50 between the tenant (the bank) and Trinity. Dave made a **motion** to increase the rent for the banks use of the lot from \$1,000.00 to \$1,250.00 per month and giving Bill authority to negotiate terms as necessary. The vote was called with unanimous approval no abstentions.

C. Value Sort and discussion: The Vestry did a practice run for the value sort exercise Sarah plans to do

with the congregation. The timing, presentation, and place for the Value Sort exercise was discussed with the purpose to involve as many members of the congregation as possible. The outcome will reaffirm Trinity's core values

D. Fall Calendar: Nancy will preach October 3rd. Sarah's vacation dates are December 26-December 31st. She will do the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Sarah would like to schedule a retreat after the Diocesan Convention, possibly November 6 -11th. There are no plans for a Fund Raiser at this time. A Sock Drive will be planned to include personal care items. Jay will talk to Tom Donahue to help publicize the Sock Drive. Sarah would like to do an All Souls Service over the Halloween weekend. October 31 is Stewardship Sunday. Melissa and Sarah will work on Trinity joining the Halloween Parade.

VI. Old Business

A. Holly, Fern, and Rich are meeting with John and Peter to prepare a report for the Vestry updating the state of organ repairs and costs. The report should be ready for the October Vestry meeting.

B. Energy Committee update: Aaron is checking on supplies to install insulation in the bell tower.

VII. October Tasks:

A. The Stewardship Team as recommended by Sarah is: Shannon, Jay, Holly, Kathy, and the two Lisa's.

B. A new Vestry member is need to serve out Steve's term. The Vestry will review replacement names by e-mail.

C. The sign posts in front of the Church need to be made safe. Rich will put a frame on the posts. The wording and design of a new sign will be discussed by the Vestry by e-mail.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Jay, seconded by Dave.

Next scheduled Vestry Meeting October 21, 2021

Respectfully submitted, Marc Brierre