

Trinity Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes via Zoom

May 19, 2022

Present: Mother Sarah Ginolfi, Priest in Charge, Fern Fryer, Sr. Warden, Jay Slenker, Jr. Warden, Lisa Frankel-Boerner, Elizabeth Bushey, Rich Jones, Dave Thurmer, and Holly Webb

Absent: Melissa Alarie, Kathy Hall

I. Call to Order: Mother Sarah called the meeting to order at 5:04PM. She opened the meeting with a blessing of the Angles.

II. March minutes: Fern made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Elizabeth. A vote on the motion was called with unanimous acceptance, no abstentions.

III. Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Rich to accept the March and April Treasurer's Reports for both the Operating and Non Operating Funds; seconded by Jay. After discussion a vote on the motion was called with unanimous approval, no abstentions.

IV. Priest-in-Charge Report:

1. There will not be an August Vestry meeting.
2. Wendy will be on a three week vacation in July. Sarah noted that "she has earned it".
3. Sarah's vacation will be August 8th-22nd.
4. The Vestry will meet in July and begin reviewing the annual Audit.
5. Sarah appreciates the support she received in rescheduling the Bishop's visit. Sarah is still considering different options for Communion.
6. She is looking for Vestry approval to have interns (working for Castleton Univ Professors) periodically housed in the Rectory. She is considering calling it "a ministry of hospitality". There was discussion regarding the length of time an intern would stay. That there should be a vetting process. And that the temporary housing for an intern could be considered a "de facto" rental. A definite course of action was not decided.

V. New Business:

A. Mutual Ministry Review: Sarah emailed a summary of the MMR to the Vestry. She is working on greater gender inclusive language for Services. She also noted there is alternative language for the Lord's Prayer. The next MMR is expected this Fall.

B. Finance Committee update:

1. Jay made a motion to approve the new language (submitted by the Finance Committee) describing the purpose and use of the Holding Fund. Seconded by Fern. After discussion, a vote was called with unanimous acceptance of the motion; no abstentions.
2. Dave made a motion that George Blosser be added to the Audit Committee, seconded by Rich. A vote on the motion was called with unanimous acceptance; no abstentions.

C. Trinity Sunday Plans: Trinity Sunday will have an enhanced coffee hour. Holly noted the choir will be singing for Trinity Sunday.

D. Elect Treasurer: Rich made a motion that Linda Fay be appointed Treasurer for this year effective January 1, 2022; seconded by Dave. A vote was called on the motion with unanimous acceptance; no abstentions.

VI. Old Business:

A. Organ Project Update: Peter will begin work on the organ this summer. John's summer is flexible so he will be available to work with Peter as the work progresses. Most of the work should be completed by November this year.

B. Sexton Position Update: The position is not yet filled. Three people have been considered. Rich noted a new de-humidifier and vacuum have been bought. He will cover the transition until a new Sexton is hired.

C. Building and Grounds:

1. Water leaks in Sarah's office and in the choir are still being looked into. It is not clear which leaks Vt Roofing looked at earlier. Sarah is looking for a new plumber and looking for recommendations from the retiring plumber.

2. Security: Jim is still drawing up a plan.

3. Norse Hall floor: Repair has been delayed due to the pandemic. Elizabeth noted that a grant may be available for abatement. Both the Norse Hall floor and the sound system need to be updated.

4. Chancel and lectern accessibility: Both have stairs and a rail or banister should be looked into. Rich will look at options.

5. Library: the table in the Library is now in storage. The desk needs to be located somewhere else.

6. Rectory painting is being finalized by Rich.

7. Jay reported that the sewer back-up after recent heavy rainfall was from the bathroom in the dolls room. Mary Ruth discovered the back-up. Rich will look at the plumbing and see if capping off the basement bathroom will solve the problem.

VII. June tasks:

a. The Bishop's visit is scheduled for June 26th at 11:00AM. The Vestry will meet with the Bishop on June 22nd.

b. Bark for life is June 4th. Sarah supports this fundraiser.

Adjournment at 6:40PM.

Next Vestry meeting June 16th 2022.

Respectfully Submitted, Marc Brierre