

**Trinity Episcopal Church, Rutland, VT**  
**Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**October 17, 2024**

**In attendance: The Rev. Sarah Ginolfi, Melissa, Cassi, Jay, Brandy, Judith, David, Holly (5:12), Fern (5:23)**

**I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer - 5:04 PM**

**II. September Minutes**

Motion by Jay; 2nd by Judy; Unanimous Approval

**III. September Treasurer Report**

Mother Sarah explains how certain funds are used to fund individual groups and initiatives. The pledge and plate income is slightly lower than one would hope. However, there are often a number of large, end-of-year gifts. The forecast is that we will not be in the red at the end of the year.

Motion by Jay; 2nd by Melissa; Unanimous Approval.

**IV. Rector's Report**

Mother Sarah announces that she will soon be leaving the Standing Committee due to the extensive time commitment and the need to reestablish a better balance. She is very proud of her work, but also recognizes the need for a change. Vestry members voiced their support.

Mother Sarah provided an update on several positive changes to the landscaping. Several invasive plants, overhanging branches, and large brush piles have been managed.

**V. Old Business**

**A. Organ Project Update**

A status update on the organ project and the direction ahead was provided by Bill and Conrad Meub.

To engage Bill's counsel, Jay motioned to Enter Executive Session at 5:47pm. 2nd by Fern. Unanimous Approval.

Motion to Exit Executive Session by Mother Sarah. 2nd by Jay. Unanimous Approval. 6:18pm

**B. Pest Update**

Wendy has been working very hard to get bids for the pest exclusion. Nature's Way and Terminix have submitted bids. A rogue squirrel has been seen in the chapel. Members of the vestry expressed a desire to see a more detailed plan from Terminix on what Pest365+ actually entails.

**C. Stewardship Update**

A lean team is making good progress despite a late start. The parable of the Good Samaritan has found particular resonance. Mother Sarah expressed optimism and enthusiasm.

**D. Orphan Care Volunteers Association of Uganda update**

Cassi has been working with Carolyn Meub and Rotary in Uganda. Cato has finally gotten a valid certificate making him officially an orphanage. They are now ready to start officially operating as an orphanage and receive funds. General rejoicing ensued.

A bank account is in the works and will facilitate an easier mechanism for funding.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Trinity Presents October Report**

The first concert was a success, both in terms of fundraising and audience attendance. It received a glowing review.

Regarding the Bosendorfer, the owner offered to cover the cost of repairs, leaving only the installation of the humidity system. David Rugger offered to fund half of the expense for the humidifier.

Fern motion for \$600 for humidity; Jay 2nd; Unanimous.

### **B. Rutland Marble Sculpture Trail interest**

Due to a fortuitous meeting, the opportunity arose for Trinity to host a statue for the Rutland Marble Sculpture Trail. There don't seem to be any barriers to placing the sculpture on the South East corner. There should be a memorandum of understanding stating that we would permanently host it. The city would own and insure it. Trinity would maintain the garden.

Jay moves to approve the Rutland Statue Installation pending an MOU by the attorney; Judy 2nds; Unanimous Approval.

### **C. Socks for Souls Drive**

Trinity historically participates in this program in November in conjunction with BROCC. Jay Slenker has managed this, but looks for another to manage it. There is a major need in the community. He describes the duties as follows:

-Provide regular updates in the announcements and the weekly email.

-Do a drive-through

-Communicate with Tom at BROCC about when and where it should happen. Tom will put it out on the radio and across social media.

-Then get the socks over to Tom.

-Holly adds that we typically do a PSA in the Rutland Herald.

-Mother Sarah suggests that the Youth Group might be a very good resource.

### **D. Vestry Member Discernment**

*Discussion postponed until the November meeting due to time.*

## **VII. Report of Email Voting**

*Discussion postponed until the November meeting due to time.*

Adjournment at 7:05

Respectfully submitted by David Rugger