

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
Vestry Minutes in-person and via Zoom  
January 19, 2023

Present in person: Mother Sarah Ginolfi, Priest in Charge, Fern Fryer, Sr. Warden, , Lisa Frankel Boerner, Rich Jones, and Dave Thurmer

Present via zoom: Melissa Alarie, Elizabeth Bushey, Kathy Hall, and Holly Webb

Not Present: Jay Slenker, Jr Warden

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

**II. December minutes:** Rich made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dave. After brief discussion, a vote on the motion was called with unanimous approval, no abstentions.

**III. Treasurer's December Reports:** Fern made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports, seconded by Dave. After brief discussion, a vote on the motion was called with unanimous approval, no abstentions.

**IV. Priest-in-Charge Report:** Sarah thanked Fern and Kathy with gratitude, for their terms on the Vestry.

A. Sarah's trip to Israel will be from February 6th through the 20th. She will leave Rutland after services on February 5th.

B. Paul Olsson, the Priest at St. Stevens in Middlebury, will be the replacement Priest for Pastoral Care while Sarah is gone.

C. The service Sunday, February 12th will be conducted by Diane Nancekivell. Sunday the 19th Nanci Gordon will lead morning prayer.

D. Sarah shared that she wanted the Vestry to know that there have been changes in her father's health. She asked for prayers and gave the Vestry a heads up that some brief visits to Lancaster, PA may be in order this year. She noted that she would not seek to take a long leave to care for him because he has good care at home.

**V. New Business:**

A. Vestry Meeting Date: The next Vestry meeting date falls during Sarah's trip to Israel. The Vestry and Sarah agreed to schedule the next Vestry meeting for March 16th.

B. Trinity Cross: The recipient of the Trinity Cross award was decided.

C. Library: The library is brighter due to the fresh painting and staining. Sarah thanked Rich for making it happen.

1. A **motion** was made by Rich to spend up to \$2,000.00 for the purchase of three love seats for the library; seconded by Fern. After further discussion a vote was called on the motions which passed with unanimous approval, no abstentions.

2. Sarah noted the library is still looking for books, that pictures need to be put on the walls, and she would like to begin a discussion to name the library, possibly after a woman or a person of color.

D. Rectory roof over the porch: was damaged during the last wind storm. It needs to be repaired. Rich volunteered to look at it. Holly recommended getting an estimate soon and if the repair cost is greater than the deductible, submit a claim early.

E. Lenten ideas:

1. Wendy and Winnie will be looking into weekly meditation offerings or working with Sarah on ways to generate more story sharing at Trinity. We've scheduled to trips to the Salt Cave in town to engage the practice of sitting in silence together.

2. Sarah would like to have Mark Yaconelli, the author of *Between the Listening and the Telling*, speak at church. He will be in Vermont at the end of March and Early April. Sarah sent links of his work to the Vestry. Fern noted that a Sunday service would be the most effective way to reach the congregation. Sunday April 2nd would be a good time as it is Palm Sunday. The Vestry supports Sarah reaching out to Mark to have him speak at Trinity. It would be helpful if the book was available to read. Sarah has contacted Phoenix Book Store regarding buying some books for the library. It is also available as an audio book.

## VI. Old Business

A. Community Luncheon Account: after a suggestion by Jim Harder, Sarah recommends we close the Community Luncheon Account. Rich made a **motion** to donate the remaining cash in the Community Luncheon Account, approximately \$250.00, to Companions in Wholeness and close the account, seconded by Fern. After discussion regarding how much Trinity has been supporting Companions in Wholeness, a vote was called on the motion with unanimous approval, no abstentions.

B. Stewardship Campaign Update: Reports 52 pledging units at this time. There will be an end of year surplus due to additional donations, new-comers, and not having to pay for a Sexton for a period of time.

C. Budget:

1. In accordance with a change in the diocesan continuing education allowance guidelines for clergy, Lisa made a **motion** to increase the Continuing Education/Professional Development allocation in the budget by \$100.00, seconded by Dave. This will raise Sarah's continuing education allotment from \$400 to \$500. A vote was called on the motion with unanimous approval, no abstentions.

2. Rich made a **motion** to accept the annual budget including the increase just approved by the previous motion, seconded by Lisa. A vote was called on the motion with unanimous acceptance, no abstentions.

D. Buildings and Grounds:

1. The Chapel door crash bar has been replaced. Rich said the same company will submit an estimate to repair the Church front door crash bar.

2. The parking signs around the parking lot now correctly reflect both Church and bank parking. The bank is still working on what additional lighting to put in the parking lot. Rich will be contacting Stebbins Electric for estimates on lighting around the Church.

3. Memorial Garden: Sarah will contact Jay for an update.

E. Organ Project: Peter has begun working. Dana is overseeing the project now. He is looking to confirm that there is an insurance certificate for this job on file and re-establishing time-lines.

## VII. January Tasks:

A. Annual Meeting: will be in Norse Hall, January 29th immediately after the service and will be followed by the Organizational meeting with the new Vestry.

B. Hospitality: Sarah would like more people involved. Kathy will check with Krey to see if she knows where the manual for the kitchen is located. Sarah and Kathy will look for the three love seats for the library. The plumber will be here to install the new thermostats next week.

C. Inventory of Parish spaces is ongoing.

D. The Ash Wednesday service will be at 12:00 noon and 6:00PM.

Motion to adjourn at 6:47PM

Next Vestry meeting March 16th 2023.

Respectfully Submitted, Marc Brierre