

Trinity Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes in-person and via Zoom
March 21, 2024

Present in person: Mother Sarah Ginolfi, Rector, Brandy Blosser, Fern Fryer, Judy Hall and David Thurmer.

Present via zoom: Holly Webb, Sr. Warden, Melissa Alarie, David Rugger, Jay Slenker, and Cassi Whitcomb.

Guests: JoAnn O'Hagen - Memorial Garden Update

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

A. Sarah asked Jo Ann to speak first about the Memorial Garden project.

B. Jo Ann presented the background and an outline of how she and Judy Hall would like to see the Memorial Garden a place of solace for Trinitarians and the community. She proposed moving forward incrementally year by year as reflected in Appendix A.

1. Large stones along the Church foundation are needed to keep water away from the Church and protect the foundation. They should be covered by topsoil and have small bushes and or hasatas and myrtle planted as ground cover and a border.
2. The placement of the carved pavers in the memorial circle should be discussed at a later time.
3. There are 4 spots for benches. Each bench costs approximately \$400.00 Jo Ann would like to ask for donations. She is willing to donate for one bench.
4. The walkway should be extended with stone because people are already walking there.
5. The next step should be putting the project out to bid.
 - a. The project includes the purchase and delivery of the mulch, stone, and top soil.
 - b. JoAnn said she would put the request for bids. Jay will email Sarah the names of any other local contractors who may be available to do this.
6. Available funds for the Memorial Garden at this time are about \$3,000.00.
7. Sarah thanked JoAnn and Judy for their research and time on the Memorial Garden.

II. February Vestry minutes: Brandy made a **motion** to approve all of the February minutes, seconded by Fern. After brief discussion, a vote on the motion was called with unanimous approval, no abstentions.

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

Items to be added to the agenda: None

IV. Priest-in-Charge Report: Sarah will be out of town for her wedding May 5th. She will be on vacation the first half of the first week of July. There will not be a Vestry meeting this July.

V. New Business:

A. Memorial Garden update: Already covered by JoAnn at the start of the meeting.

B. Jubilee Fund Appendix B: Sarah has talked to Bill Meub about establishing a Jubilee Fund with the money from the Savery bequest as outlined in Appendix B. The Fund would be a non-operating fund so it would be invested and produce income for Trinity.

1. Fern made a **motion:** to create a Jubilee Fund in accordance with Appendix B; seconded by Dave. It was noted that people will be able to make donations to this Fund. Sarah liked the idea that this fund

will not be limited for specific expenditures like the property or organ funds. She believed people even some who are not members of Trinity, may in some, cases want to donate to the Jubilee Fund because the money can be used to support a wide range of needs.

2. After further discussion, a vote on the motion was called with unanimous approval; no abstentions.

3. Sarah will let Linda know the money for the Jubilee Fund has been approved.

C. Pride Festival Sponsorship: Trinity sponsored Pride last year with a donation from the Youth Fund of \$500.00 for a premier sponsorship. Even with the rain last year the event was a success. This year a premier sponsorship is \$1,000.00.

1. David made a **motion:** for Trinity to sponsor the Pride Event this year with a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 of which \$500.00 will be raised through fundraising and donations from the congregation and \$500.00 will come from the Youth Fund; seconded by Melissa.

2. After discussion, a vote on the motion was called with unanimous approval no abstentions

D. Intentional Growth Report, Trinity Concerts and Action Steps Review (Appendix C):

1. David would like to re-establish a music program similar to "Trinity Presents". Music is what will bring people into our Church. Holly, Dave Thurmer, and Becky have agreed to help steer this initiative. David is in the process of speaking to local artists with the goal of having a draft schedule ready this spring for two or three concerts for this Fall.

2. He will submit a proposed budget at the next Vestry meeting.

3. Fern thanked David for his revision of the "action steps" as set forth in Appendix C. The next step is how to share the "action steps". The Vestry agreed that coffee hour is a good place to share the action steps and the planned Trinity Concerts.

4. Cassie and Melissa will meet with Brandy after Easter to plan starting a Youth Activities Program.

5. The Pastoral Care Team needs two more people. Sarah is looking at several candidates.

E. The Vestry will review a proposed LOA for the new Deacon, Liz Skaleski. Comments will be taken by email from the Vestry after they have had a chance to look over the LOA.

VI. Old Business:

A. Organ Project: The organ project is moving toward completion. Some organ knob heads need to be replaced. John and Dana are working with Sarah on the conclusion of the organ project.

B. Rectory repairs/renovation:

1. The bid for cabinets is higher than expected. Jim and Maria will explore additional bids.

2. Peter Bride has submitted a painting estimate. Sarah is awaiting an estimate from Jay Wilson.

3. The Vestry supports Sarah continuing to look for additional estimates.

VII. March tasks: already covered

VIII. Email voting report (as noted in the Vestry Agenda): On March 11th, the Executive Team approved the expenses of \$569.00 for the removal of several large items in the Rectory basement left by previous priests. The items were taking up over 25 feet of wall space. That space will now be needed for more storage room as Sarah's family grows. Moving forward, the Vestry will take a more active role in ensuring the Rectory is fully vacated and ready for new guests when there is a clergy transition.

Sarah adjourned the meeting 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marc Brierre