

Trinity Episcopal Church Rutland Vermont

Vestry Minutes in Person and via Zoom

June 16, 2022

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

Via zoom: Jay Slenker, Jr. Warden, Melissa Alarie, Elizabeth Bushey, and Kathy Hall,

I. Call to Order: Mother Sarah called the meeting to order at 5:05PM with a prayer, Come Lord be Our Guest.

II. May minutes: Fern made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dave. There was no discussion; vote called with unanimous approval, no abstentions.

III. Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Rich to accept the May Financial Reports for both the Operating and Non Operating Funds, seconded by Fern. A vote to accept the Financial Reports was called with unanimous approval, no abstentions.

IV. Priest-in-Charge Report: Sarah is working on using more inclusive language in the liturgy. She has received positive feedback. She would like to know what feedback the Vestry may have heard. Rich noted that he had received comments regarding the Lord's Prayer. Several responded that there is variance of the Lord's Prayer in scripture between the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Sarah affirmed that the one we're accustomed to praying will remain an option in worship. This July Trinity will start incorporating The Episcopal Church's Enriching Our Worship supplement options during the service.

Items to be added to the agenda:

1. Sarah shared with the Vestry that she and a friend have partnered with PEGTV to create a comedy show about Rutland. Sarah acknowledged that, while the venture is a personal project during her free time, she will uphold the same standard of conduct she lives out in her ministry. She has been pleasantly surprised at the number of people following the video and the positive comments.
2. Disposal of non-usable household items located in the basement, balcony, and library should be picked up by a company called "Got Junk". Rich has made the arrangements and put tags on the items to be removed. The items in the basement have mold. Pick-up is planned for next week with an expected cost of \$849.00.
3. Rich made a **motion** to spend up to \$1,000.00 for the removal of the tagged items including desks, pew cushions, and moldy items in the dolls room in the basement; seconded by Dave. After discussion regarding the day and time for pick up a vote on the motion was called with unanimous acceptance, no abstentions. Rich will let Jay know when the date and time are confirmed. Sarah thanked Rich for making the arrangements and marking the appropriate items.
4. Rich informed the Vestry that a note has been placed in the bathrooms that the toilets are not to be flushed during heavy rainstorms.

V. New Business:

A. Memorial Garden: Sarah has been working with newcomer JoAnn O'Hagen on a plan to freshen up the landscaping in the Memorial Garden. A diagram was emailed to the Vestry prior to the meeting outlining steps to take and materials needed. A budget will need to be prepared. Jay supports the plan. Sarah will do an inventory of the spaces remaining for interment. She will also explore options to

expand spaces for internment including consulting with JoAnn, and contractors including Bradley Keith. (Jay had to go back to work, 5:45).

B. Finance Committee additions: Fern made a **motion** to approve the addition of Katya Cooke and Steve Singiser on the Finance Committee; seconded by Rich. A vote called on the motion unanimously accepted, no abstentions.

C. Homecoming Events (Parish Picnic): Sarah is looking for additional ideas from the Vestry to make Trinity welcoming to newcomers in addition to the Parish Picnic. She is looking for ideas for a Ministry Fair, National Night Out, and Advent. The Parish Picnic will be hosted this year by the Young family at their home.

D. Stewardship: Sarah will be meeting with last year's team and Linda to determine this year's time table and new or additional membership.

E. If the annual Audit is completed in July the Vestry should review it then. If the Audit is not completed in July, Sarah noted that it could be reviewed by e-mail by the Vestry as there is not an August Vestry meeting.

VI. Old Business:

A. Bishop's visit June 26th; set up in Norse Hall will be done the day before. Four to six Volunteers for table set up are needed. Kathy will contact Krey for her check list on how to set up Norse Hall for the Bishop's visit. The Vestry will meet with the Bishop by Zoom on June 22nd. at 6:30PM.

B. Organ Project: John and Peter will notify Sarah of start date.

C. Sexton Position: Another person is being interviewed however no one hired to date.

D. Buildings and Grounds: Roofers have been at Trinity but no report on what repairs or cost. Sarah will follow up. Awaiting a security report from Jim. Jay has drawn up a protocol for when a person of concern is in Trinity. Kathy noted that more ushers should be present for services, that they should always have access to a cell phone, that there should be a procedure for dealing with a person(s) who have a back-pack with them, and that the doors need to be made more secure.

July tasks:

A. Bishop's visit June 26th at 11:00AM.

B. Sarah will continue to adding inclusive language in the liturgy.

Adjournment at 6:25PM

Next Vestry meeting July 21, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, Marc Brierre