

Minutes

Vestry Meeting – May 8, 2019

Present: John Grant, Diane Nichols, Susan Howland, Lynn Garland, Tamsin Lucey, Nancy Waugh, Rose Reith, Peg Nelson

Regrets: Fr. Richard, Lorraine Brumskine, Lana Pieczynski

John opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer and Susan read Mary Oliver's poem *Praying*. Bible Study:

John 10:22-30

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' 25Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30The Father and I are one.'*

Business

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the April 2019 vestry meeting minutes as amended.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the April 2019 Treasurer's report.

- Regarding pledge shortfall, Susan emailed Mick to learn whether we should consider adjusting the 2019 budget. Mick will respond to Susan once he gets caught up on the pledge tracking.
- There will be a \$2 a month increase on trash collection; there will be no increase in recycling. Usually there are some lines under budget at year end to cover this overage.
- We have received a letter from fire department stating that they will no longer monitor our alarm system; however, our system is monitored by a private company. At the request of the fire department, Susan has provided certification that we are being monitored by UL-certified company. Also, they will no longer monitor the neighborhood pull box on the outside of our building and will eventually remove it.
- Anne Bouvier-Monroe has invited people to give to the organ fund for her birthday. There is an organ fund income line.
- John Dirlam called thanking Susan for sending receipts and a photo of the resurrection gardens. He asked that he be signed up for childrens' flowers next Easter. Mr. Dirlam plans to include Holy Trinity Church in his will and asked Susan to provide a letter stating that that money will be added to the Dirlam Fund.

Review of Last Month's Events

- Fr. Richard's Holy Week Applause Letter is attached to and made a part of these minutes. The letter acknowledged participation by many during Holy Week.
- Lynn has removed the drapes from the crosses at the front of the church, hemmed and replaced the white drape on the center cross. There was discussion about keeping the crosses and the flower crosses at the altar. Fr. Richard has indicated that the flower cross should stand at least until the end of this month. Going forward, Lynn and Rose (the drape committee) will discuss this with Fr. Richard, and, if the tradition is to continue next year, they will see to it that the drape is properly displayed with purple on Palm Sunday, black on Good Friday, and white on Easter. They will report at the next vestry meeting.

Upcoming Events

- Holy Trinity plans on a strong attendance at the May 11 Small Church Summit.
- For the building anniversary celebration on June 15, we need grill masters. We will be ordering the meat from Sterns. Diane reported that her son Jacob and possibly her granddaughter will facilitate serving at the luncheon on Sunday, June 16. Tamsin suggested that we notify Stonebridge Press. Expenses will be posted to Hospitality.
- Pam Mott will join us for the Mutual Ministry Review following coffee hour on June 30. A notice will be put into the June Tidings and Chris will be asked to include it on the monthly calendar.

Community Gardens

Tamsin Lucey explained that there will be no hands-on role by Holy Trinity parishioners in the community gardens project unless someone is interested in helping. This can be a mission for our church with donations passing through our account for purchase of necessary items. **A motion was made, seconded and approved that Tamsin will be a facilitator to the community gardens project and will work with Ciro using our letterhead in seeking funds and material goods because this is a mission opportunity to work with this grassroots community effort.**

Building & Grounds

- Tamsin Lucey reported that the ladders are now secured to the wall on the stage.
- The wood at the side of the building will be removed by a neighbor.
- Tables will be set up in the parish hall on Sundays for people to gather who wish to discuss the readings or sermon after church.

Closing prayer – Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting June 12, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk

From: Richard Signore <richard.signore@verizon.net>

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 2:38:28 PM

To: Holy Trinity Church

Subject: Holy Week Applause!!

Hello everyone!!

We had a wonderful Holy Week journey this year at Holy Trinity! The mystery of Jesus' saving death received our respect and devotion; the wonder at His power to renew and hold us in life as the Spiritual reality of all our days; was experienced in humor and awe. All because of every gift of time and presence offered by those cooked, decorated, read lessons, Ushered and greeted; and all those who called and picked-up, or sang in choir and played the instrument of your choice; and joined your Spirit to that of the whole body in adoration. You brought children and families to share together the journey of the church in her savior; even as formation in the faith transacted in deep mutual regard. And this was all dependent upon your presence and participation!!!

Thank you for being the wonderful place Holy Trinity is, and the joy you bring!

Thank you for a gracious Holy Week!!!!

All blessings and Peace in the Risen Christ, who fashions our hearts to hold the Lord of life!

Fr Richard