

**Minutes**  
**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
Vestry Meeting – October 13, 2021

Present: Fr. Richard, Lynn Garland, Susan Howland, Nancy Waugh, Eileen DeMings, Lana Pieczynski, Josh Spooner, Robin Yates, Peg Nelson.

Regrets: Lorraine Brumskine, Rose Reith.

Fr. Richard opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with prayer and Bible study: Mark 10:35-45.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the September 8, 2021, vestry meeting minutes, as amended.**

**A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the September 22, 2021, special vestry meeting minutes.**

**A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the September 2021 Treasurer's report.**

Following the December 5 service, we will have a gratitude party in recognition of Fr. Richard's ministry at Holy Trinity. The snow date will be December 12. Nancy has suggested that we combine the ingathering of pledges with the gratitude party for Fr. Richard and Nina.

The equipment is now set up for streaming our services on FaceBook Live. Once the microphone has been tested, streaming will become possible, probably in the next week or two.

Lynn and Barbara Kalber have spoken about the memorial garden. Barbara will ask Karen Ballou if she would be willing to offer some guidance on how to prune the plants.

**RECTOR'S REPORT**

Fr. Richard will take vacation on the following Sundays: October 31, November 21 and December 26. He will try to secure supply priests for the October and November dates.

Fr. Richard has notified Fr. Reyes about his planned retirement. It seems likely that the Neighborhood Ministries Committee work will resume once Mother Judith has settled in.

In continuing to focus on Creation Care, Fr. Richard will prepare a flyer containing the names and addresses of our members of Congress. He, along with some other local clergy, plans to hand these to passersby and visitors to a local coffee shop as a reminder of the upcoming United Nations climate conference in the UK and to encourage people to take action by writing to their representatives.

**MINISTRY/COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES**

**Communication Report**

Susan is taking care of MailChimp and eNews. She suggests that we refresh and update the website in January. If Emily can send the bulletin to her in advance of the FaceBook Live rollout, Susan will post it to the website. Zoom is still available for parish meetings. Primarily, Emily is working remotely and comes in to do printing. She picks up phone messages and delivers them to the appropriate people. Susan has resolved recorded voicemail greeting issues. Susan, Rose and Tamsin respond to FaceBook messages.

Possibly in the future we will want to establish a list of persons who can be present as an ambassador at the church, perhaps one day a week.

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet next week to attend to pastoral needs and go over the parish mailing list.

Ray Fournier has notified us that he has boxes of brand new coats for the Coat Closet from the Knights of Columbus. Lynn will refer this matter to Chris McTigue. Lynn announced that the Coat Closet will be open on Saturdays from 9-11 A.M. from October 30 through December 18. Will has been painting the new space and the ceiling tiles are almost all up. Winter coat donations can be dropped off either on Sunday morning or on Saturday when the Coat Closet is open.

### **Stewardship Committee**

Nancy reported that the stewardship ingathering will be on November 14 instead of November 21. Nancy would like for vestry to bring their pledge cards to the altar as a show of leadership. She is asking for stewardship moment volunteers.

Susan will write a Tidings article about the UTO ingathering. She will ask that people bring in their offering by November 21.

### **Building Committee**

In addition to the projects listed in Tamsin's emailed report, Josh mentioned that the self propel on the mower is broken, and there is a railing post on the wall at the back of the church that needs secured. Susan will bring that to Tamsin's attention along with repair of the step to the undercroft and applying fluorescent paint to the curb at the bottom of the handicap ramp. She will also discuss with Tamsin any action we might want to take with the town regarding the badly cracked sidewalk in front of the church.

### **Family Worship/Faith Formation**

Rose and Eileen are looking into curriculum possibilities.

Children might like to wear their Halloween costumes on October 31. Eileen will provide text for Susan to send a MailChimp.

### **Daughters of the King**

Robin reported that two barrels are packed and should be going out by the end of the month to arrive by Christmas.

The Daughters will renew their vows on November 7, All Saints Sunday.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

Lynn mentioned that Susan Grant has provided seasonal flowers for under the sign. She has asked for a small budget and some help in continuing to adorn the church to show that we welcome visitors. Nancy will see about how to fund this effort. Lynn will ask Susan Grant to write an article for the Tidings

Closing prayer – Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting November 10, 2021 @ 7:00 PM, in person

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk