

APPROVED

Minutes
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Vestry Meeting – January 12, 2022

Present: Mother Judith, Lynn Garland, Susan Howland, Nancy Waugh, Eileen DeMings, John Grant, Lana Pieczynski (via Zoom), Rose Reith, Josh Spooner, Peg Nelson.

Regrets: Lorraine Brumskine, Robin Yates .

Mother Judith opened the meeting at 7:07 pm. with a celebration of the Eucharist.

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

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

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the 2022 annual budget. No reserve funds were moved to balance the budget.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept and send to the diocese for investment two additions to the endowment funds: \$2,000 to the Dirlam Fund and \$240 to the Legacy Fund.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Mother Judith asked us to consider the diocesan survey, What Does Your Congregation Need, that was completed by priests and wardens, in particular questions 4 and 5. Question 4 asks How are people holding up as a congregation as the pandemic continues. The vestry shared concerns for our young families with children and fatigue of our leadership. Question 5 asks What does the vestry need to lead at this time. Energy and vision are an important focus, and in order to reenergize and find our vision it may be a good idea to have a vestry retreat. We also need to focus on community building to let each other know that no one person is alone. At our February meeting Mother Judith will present options for retreat time and meeting.

It was mentioned that over the past three months we have done well by giving Fr. Richard a good send off and letting him know that he was valued and will be missed. Also, we had successful Christmas and Epiphany services. We have had some coffee hours which gave people an opportunity to reconnect.

We need to work harder on finding a way to connect with people we aren't seeing, and we need to be more organized about giving rides to people with no transportation.

Mother Judith will discuss with the wardens possible visits to parishioners.

After attending a recent ecumenical clergy meeting, Mother Judith concluded that there is an interest in continuing these ecumenical partnerships. With the vestry's agreement, in the next few months she plans to focus on the community of churches and on getting to know our congregation. Rose agreed to work with her on this.

Bishop Fisher will be visiting us on May 15. Several of our youth may be interested in a confirmation class in preparation for his visit.

NEW BUSINESS

Various thoughts were offered for holding the annual meeting on January 23. It was agreed that we will conduct a hybrid in-person and Zoom service and meeting. Reports will be given by the Senior Warden about the state of the church and the Treasurer about our financial situation, and the congregation will vote on the slate of vestry members and diocesan convention delegates and alternates. The planning team for this hybrid meeting is Cat, John, Susan, and Mother Judith.

The vestry expressed their gratitude to Rose and Josh as they step off the Vestry.

Emily has mentioned that she would appreciate our hiring a secretary. The search committee, Mother Judith, Tamsin, Susan, and Lynn, will develop a job description to post for potential applicants.

MINISTRY/COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

Communication Report

- Susan met with Mother Judith to be sure that she has access to all of our online platforms.
- Susan will be working on updating the website.

Building Committee

- A copy of Tamsin's emailed report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.
- Susan reported that we had 5,314 gallons of oil in the tank on January 1, 2022.
- Nancy reported that she has paid the bill for the steps and railing to the undercroft.

Family Worship/Faith Formation

- Eileen will send an email to the congregation about participating in the Good Book Club. The daily readings are from Exodus.
- With Covid in mind, Eileen has her sights on the pancake supper.

Mother Judith has no plans to reconfigure the altar, but John said that he will work to accommodate any audio changes she might like.

John Grant volunteered to be a vestry alternate for convention. Cat has agreed to be a non-vestry delegate. Susan will be a vestry delegate, and Lana will talk to Bill about his being a non-vestry alternate.

Lynn offered the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting February 9, 2022 @ 7:00 PM, in person

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk