

**HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ZOOM VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2022**

Present: Mother Judith, Lynn Garland, Susan Howland, Nancy Waugh, Eileen Demings, Jean Frost, John Grant, Lana Pieczynski, Robin Yates, Peg Nelson.

Regrets: Lorraine Brumskine.

Mother Judith opened the Zoom meeting with prayer at 7:03 P.M.

BUSINESS:

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the February 9, 2022, vestry meeting minutes, as amended.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the February 2022 Treasurer's report. Nancy will meet with Steve Hasbrouck on April 22 regarding our audit. Nancy recently received a pledge card and a request for envelopes from a regular giver. Therefore, **a motion was made, seconded and approved to move \$1,200 from the Regular Giver line on the budget to the Current Pledge line.** This does not affect the bottom line.

Priest's Report

- Lana reported that we could hold our vestry retreat at Nichols College. Because we were not able to settle on a convenient date for everyone, it was suggested that we begin the May vestry meeting at 5:30 with a meal and, after having a brief business meeting, focus on a mutual ministry review and think about plans for moving forward. Mother Judith will send an email offering options. Lorraine has added her name to the food committee.
- On Ash Wednesday Mother Judith participated in Ashes to Go at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and, in addition to our two services at Holy Trinity, she took ashes and communion to four parishioners. The Maundy Thursday service will be held in the sanctuary with foot washing and stripping of the altar. There will be no meal preceding the service. A sign-up sheet will be available for those who wish to participate in the vigil following the Maundy Thursday service, from 9 P.M. to 10 A.M. Friday. Following the vigil, Family Worship is planning to walk the Stations of the Cross at St. Anne's and invites the congregation to join the children. Mother Judith will open the church from 12 to 1 P.M.. There will be a more formal evening Good Friday service with prayers and music at 7 P.M. Mother Judith will decide on the type of service she will have, but she prefers to not have communion. She will participate in the Easter Sunrise service at 6 A.M. at Old Sturbridge Village. Our Easter Sunday celebration will be held at 9:30 A.M.
- Mother Judith's meetings and ministry in February 2022:
 - 2/15 – Diocesan Clergy Day
 - 2/17 – Vestry 101 – Diocesan Vestry & Clergy Meeting on Zoom
 - 2/21 - Tour of St. Luke's Guesthouse
 - Pastoral Visits: 9; Private Holy Communion - 4
- What have we done well?
 - Family Sundays have been amazing. The congregation loves having children involved in all aspects and having them at coffee hour.
 - Pancake supper was also done well.
- What could we have done better? No response

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Tamsin Lucey joined the meeting via Zoom to answer questions about her proposal to mentor home cooking classes, which is a collaboration between St. Luke's Guesthouse and Holy Trinity. Several people have volunteered to assist Tamsin in the kitchen. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept Tamsin's proposal to mentor home cooking classes at Holy Trinity for participants from St. Luke's Guesthouse and the Finding Hope Program.** She is planning to begin in May.
- Tamsin reported that her initiative to collect over-the-counter medical supplies for Ukraine has received an amazing response. She hopes to collaborate with the Methodist Church and perhaps the Federated Church. The vestry approved Tamsin's request to store the supplies in the undercroft until she can deliver to Boston. She will ask Southbridge High School National Honor Society students to help sort and repack the supplies in bigger boxes.
- Eileen will chair a new Faith Formation Committee, which will meet before each liturgical season to develop plans for all ages. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to appoint Rose Reith, Heather Bousquet, Cat Reith-Lowery, and Robin Yates to a newly formed Faith Formation Steering Committee. Eileen is also authorized to appoint two more to the committee.**
- Five applications were received for the Parish Administrative Assistant position, and four people were interviewed. Chris McTigue will fill the position beginning March 22. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to thank Emily Thompson with a gift of \$200 after she is off the payroll for her stepping in during the vacancy and her willingness to prepare the next two newsletters and help Chris as needed.**
- The vestry agreed to have a weekly coffee hour.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Communications – Following a meeting with Tamsin, Susan emailed a summary of their thoughts on our use of the Facebook platform. Until we begin to have more parish events, we will continue to post as we have been. While Susan will continue to post to the website from Tidings articles and send out MailChimp notices when requested, she will familiarize Chris McTigue with all Holy Trinity communications with plans for her to scale back her involvement in communications.

Building Committee – Tamsin's report was emailed.

Social Studies Group – Lynn stated that they are still searching for a course of study. Although the first refugee movie was interesting, it may not be suitable for our particular purposes.

When they meet this week, the Daughters of the King will determine how long to keep a name on the prayer list.

Lana recommended the dramatic series "The Chosen" about Jesus's life.

Eileen announced that there will be a Holy Communion class for ages 5-7 on the weekend of the Bishop's visit with a meal on Friday night, a Saturday workshop-style meeting, and Sunday with the Bishop.

John Grant offered the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting April 13, 2022 @ 7 p.m., in person

Respectfully Submitted, Peg Nelson, Clerk

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