

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING AGENDA
February 1, 2023

APPROVED

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. [Isaiah 43:19]

HOLY EUCHARIST began at 7:10 pm

Present: John Grant, Lorraine Brumskine, Robin, Yates, Lynn Garland, Eileen DeMings, Nancy Waugh, Jean Frost, Mother Judith, Susan Howland via Zoom

Regrets: Lana Pieczynski

OPENING BUSINESS

Acceptance of Minutes: January 4, 2023 – Jean Frost **A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2023 Vestry Meeting, it was seconded and carried.**

Treasurer's Report: – Nancy Waugh Financial information was sent via email. **A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report, it was seconded, and carried.** Susan informed the Vestry that a deposit to the Legacy Fund actually went into the Building Fund; and that has been fixed. In order to keep things in line with the Annual Report of our finances, the locks and keys were paid for out of the Legacy Fund. Locks and keys for the building is an acceptable use of Legacy Funds. Nancy announced that Steve Hasbrook will be doing our Audit.

PRIEST'S REPORT

Pastoral Care Check-in

Ministry Report: January

Debriefing: Annual Parish Meeting – We felt it went well. People seemed more relaxed and willing to speak up if they had questions and comments since we were in the parish hall rather than the sanctuary.

Response to Parochial Report Narrative Questions:

1. What opportunities and challenges did the congregation face in 2022? - Some of the comments offered were: We tried to do too much all of a sudden to make up for what we had been missing. There were opportunities to build new ministries. Opportunities for singing opened up. One of the challenges was the different ages of our youth, there was a 2-year age jump. Opportunities for new leadership appeared.

2. Looking forward to the future, what changes do you hope to see in your faith community? People staying involved and willing to be a part of what is going on. May we age gracefully together so that we can take on what we can do now, and not be expected to be able to do what we used to do.

What does your community need in order to bring about these changes? More opportunities for youth (or inquiring minds of any age) to get a view of how the church functions.

3. We invite you to tell stories of how you have spent the last year naming, addressing, and dismantling the injustices of racism in yourselves, congregations, and your communities. None were offered.

A list of Vestry Meetings, for March through December, was passed around for people to sign up to offer the Closing Prayer.

Discussed a possible change in motto – people like the Isaiah verse –the verse from Micah resonated with many people. There was some discussion about finding a way to keep Micah in front of us as a reminder to look for ways to seek justice, and opportunities for racial reconciliation. Eventually **a motion was made to keep Isaiah 43:19 as our motto going forward. It was seconded and carried.**

Set a Date: Vestry Retreat: March 29th Mother Judith proposed doing our Vestry retreat on March 29th so it is after Cannon Simpson's visit but not during Holy week. It was agreed to hold the Vestry Retreat on March 29th. Further details will be worked out later.

What have we done well? Annual reports were well written, the annual meeting went well
What could we have done better? - no responses

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning: Responses to the Congregational Assessment Tool

The Vestry looked at and approved the email that will be sent with the link for the survey

Follow-up with individuals A list of members and others that attend Holy Trinity was passed around for Vestry members to sign up to shepherd the non-Vestry people on the list.

Data entry Thoughts of have a person or two come to church with a laptop to assist people who do not have access to a computer. Lana indicated she would be willing to help on Feb 12. Cat is also willing to do data entry. Lynn is willing to sit with people at church and Robin can do it on the 19th. We decided not to include self-addressed stamped envelopes with the hard copies of the CAT being mailed to the people without email addresses. The Vestry can offer to pick up completed hard copies, or people can place them into the offertory plate.

Verification of Information: Diocesan Leadership Contact List – Jean will update the information and send it back to the Diocese and have our Parish Administrative Assistant file a copy digitally in our computer.

Designation of Souper Bowl of Caring Funds: Local organization addressing food insecurity: The Wales Community Food Pantry has been struggling. **A motion was made to donate the proceeds from SouperBowl soup fundraiser to the Wales Community Food Pantry; it was seconded and carried.**

Appointment of Standing Committees

- **Finance Committee:** Susan Howland, chair; Nancy Waugh, Treasurer; Josh Spooner, Lana Pieczynski Pledge Secretary: John Grant
- **Endowment Committee:** Susan Howland, Chair; Jean Frost, 3rd term expires 2024; ex-officio: Priest and Treasurer; discussion: nomination of a third member
- **Parrettie Committee:** Lynn Garland, Sr. Warden, chair; Susan Howland, Jr. Warden; Members: Lana Pieczynski, Barbara Kalber, Tamsin Lucey
 - Priest and Treasurer, ex officio
- **Pastoral Care Committee:** Priest, Lynn Garland, Susan Howland, Tamsin Lucey
- **Stewardship Committee:** Nancy Waugh & Lynn Garland
- **Building and Grounds Committee:** Co-chairs: Tamsin Lucey & Susan Howland; Jean Frost, Brian Canty, Nate Lowery and Ron Texiera
- **Mission and Outreach Committee:** Susan Grant, Chair; Suzanne Sharp; Daughters of the King

- **Hospitality Committee:** Susan Grant; Cat Reith-Lowery
- **Communications:** Susan Howland, John Grant
- **Faith formation Steering Committee:** Eileen DeMings (chair), Heather Bousquet, Lorraine Brumskine, John Grant, Susan Grant, Cat Reith-Lowery, Rose Reith, Robin Yates

A Resolution for the appointment of Standing Committees

A motion was made to appoint the people to the committees listed above, except for the Endowment and Hospitality committees, and adding Ron Texiera's name to the B&G committee, it was seconded and carried.

Update: Hospitality Survey Cat is making lists of people's names that were generated from the Hospitality Survey.

MINISTRY REPORTS

- Communications – Susan Howland – report emailed
- Building Committee – Tamsin Lucey – report emailed
- Cooking for Life – Tamsin Lucey – Susan Howland spoke with Tamsin who indicated that this course is stalled at this point due to time constraints on staff members
- Landscaping Committee – Lynn Garland – no report
- Family Worship/Faith Formation – Eileen DeMings - The FW Steering committee met since our January meeting. Ash Wednesday is during school break. They recommended a partnership with Bethlehem Lutheran for a Lenten Program with an evening option and an afternoon option. There may be a dramatization of the passion on Palm Sunday by the youth. Mother Judith will meet with Fr. Dan – 2 Wednesdays during Lent will be multigenerational, with a simple supper and breakout into age groups. We will ask St. Anne and St. Patrick Parish if we can hold a family Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, in the morning. Mother Judith will call to set that up. Sunday attendance has been affected by illness. Cat and Mother Judith have come up with a schedule for longer classes for the Confirmation exploration group on Saturdays from 4-6 with a pizza dinner and go through the workbook.
- Daughters of the King-, Robin Yates, Lorraine Brumskine – there was nothing to report.
- Stewardship – Nancy Waugh, Lynn Garland We gained another pledge since our last Vestry meeting.
- Praying Hands Ministry – Susan Howland – report sent via email

CLOSING PRAYER Lynn read the Prayer for the Parish at 8:56 pm

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made to adjourned at 8:57, it was seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted

Jean Frost, clerk