

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MINUTES of VESTRY MEETING

May 3, 2023

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]

Present: Susan Howland, Nancy Waugh, Jean Frost, John Grant, Lynn Garland, Mother Judith, Cat Reith-Lowery, Robin Yates, Lorraine Brumskine

Regrets: Eileen DeMings, Lana Pieczynski

HOLY EUCHARIST

OPENING BUSINESS began at 7:40pm after the Holy Eucharist.

Acceptance of Minutes March 1, 2023

March 29, 2023 **Two motions were made to accept each set of**

minutes, seconded, and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Waugh Nancy sent out a report. She also reported that a parishioner put extra money in the plate recently. **A motion was made to accept \$2438 – for the use of the church and \$500 to go to Landscaping, it was seconded and carried. There was a motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report.**

Confirm Approval of the 2022 Audit **A motion was made to confirm approval of the 2022 Audit report from Steve Hasbrook; it was seconded and carried.**

PRIEST'S REPORT

Pastoral Care Check-in

Confirm Approval: 2021 Parochial Report **A motion was made to add an addendum to the minutes of the Vestry Meeting when the 2021 Parochial Report was approved, it was seconded and carried.**

Confirm Approval: Revised 2022 Parochial Report – There were a few entries that were in the wrong category and needed to be adjusted. **A motion was made to accept the amended Parochial Report.**

Update: Bishop's Visitation- May 14, 2023

The service will start outside where the new bench will be blessed, the procession will proceed to the chapel, where the Bishop will bless the newly decorated chapel. After the Peace there will be blessings of the new vestments given in memory of Roy Baum and Deacon Mary Hicks and given in thanksgiving by Lorraine.

What have we done well? Confirmation preparation for the teens; Vestry Retreat went well, Easter service

What could we have done better? The wax candles during the Tenebrae service burned down and the plastic pieces fell, a few people had wax on them. A recommendation was made to use the battery operated candles in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report on Discernment – Loving the Questions: Jean Frost

Report on Discernment – Diaconal Formation: Lorraine Brumskine

Update: Hospitality – Cat sent the names of people who had offered to be food servers to Susan Grant, but not the names of the people who offered to bring cream or juice, Cat will speak with Susan. The new schedule will start in June.

Update: Preparations for New Ministry

Debriefing: April 30th Parish Meeting & Timeline for Table Talks (Lynn, Eileen, Jean) The presentation went well. Next week Jean recommended each Vestry member speak to a few people in the congregation about the presentation and that after the Bishop's visit there will be more formal time during coffee hour for discussion.

Update: Plans to explore alternative models for ministry (Lana, Robin, Nancy) They emailed Canon Rich Simpson and received some names of churches to contact about meeting together.

Update: Review of building data (costs and investment opportunities) (Susan, John, Cat) There was no update at this time.

Mother Judith received an email from Hakuna Matata, a children's choir from Africa – there was some discussion and we decided not to host a concert at Holy Trinity.

Since the Loving the Questions program is over and the Vestry meetings were rescheduled to the first Wed of the month due to conflicts with dates for Loving the Questions, **A motion was made to move the monthly Vestry meeting back to the second Wed of the month, it was seconded and carried.**

MINISTRY REPORTS

- Communications – Susan Howland- Susan reported that she was having some trouble with the website. It seems to be OK now.
- Building Committee – Tamsin Lucey – written report sent. Should the bubbler be removed?
- Cooking for Life – Tamsin Lucey – Holy Trinity has received a Diocesan Ministry Development Grant to cover the staff costs of this program. The guests at St. Luke's had a lesson in their kitchen last Saturday night.
- Landscaping Committee – Lynn Garland, Chris Briere and Robert have been pulling up stumps. Cat offered her Girl Scout troop to help work in the newly opened space.
- Family Worship/Faith Formation – Eileen DeMings- Cat spoke – not sure if VBS would happen, if not they will do what they did last year.
- Daughters of the King-, Robin Yates, Lorraine Brumskine- DOK will be shipping books and school supplies. The school is temporarily closed since it is in such bad condition. Some of the supplies that we sent have been distributed. Bandits have broken into the schools so there are holes in the ceilings and roofs. YES is doing a lot, making progress.
- Stewardship – Nancy Waugh, Lynn Garland –no report
- Praying Hands Ministry – Susan Howland - 15 adult shawls and 6 child shawls will be blessed on Sunday.

Motion made to adjourn at 9:03 pm. Closing prayer read by Robin.

CLOSING PRAYER: Robin Yates

ADJOURNMENT