

**HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING AGENDA**

August 9, 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]

HOLY EUCHARIST

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

Regrets: John Grant, Lana Pieczynski

OPENING BUSINESS

Acceptance of Minutes June 14, 2023, A motion was made to accept minutes from June, it was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Waugh A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report; it was seconded and carried.

Resolution to transfer funds to the Legacy Fund A motion was made to transfer the balance of the gift from Mary Hicks' sister, \$6,477.00, to the Holy Trinity Legacy Fund; it was seconded, and carried.

PRIEST'S REPORT

Pastoral Care Check-in

Ministry Report:

Overlook: Monthly Eucharist: June 13; July 11; August 8

Pastoral Visits: January through July - 71

Private Holy Communions January through July - 14

St. Luke's Guesthouse Board

On Call for Pastor Dan – Bethlehem Lutheran: 5/15-21; June 13-22; July 9-16

What have we done well? The praying with beads evening went very well. The Hospitality Committee has done a wonderful job cleaning out the Hospitality storage closets downstairs. What could we have done better? – no comments

NEW BUSINESS:

Update: Preparations for New Ministry

Debriefing: Table Talks (Lynn, Eileen, Jean) – Jean provided a brief summary of things heard at the Table Talks. She will follow up on a recommendation to speak with Gabriel McCarthy, who has a local Realty/construction business (retired). Jean will be asking about potential alternative ways our building might be used.

Proposal: Cottage Meetings outside of worship time – There was some discussion about doing one after a Sunday Service in the parish hall, to be followed up by individual invites to those people who did not attend: **Calendar Dates** – no date was set – there was no consensus for adding cottage meetings to the schedule.

Update: Plans to explore alternative models for ministry (Lana, Robin, Nancy) They have heard back from all but 1 of the churches that Rich Simpson had recommended they contact.

Proposal: Presentation at Sunday Eucharist in the Parish Hall: **Calendar Dates** -

October 15th

Propose Calendar dates for zoom meetings with clergy/wardens – a Sunday afternoon or a Wednesday evening will be proposed to allow the other church to select a date that works for them.

Update: Review of building data (costs and investment opportunities) (Susan, John, Cat) Cat and Susan met, John was unable to attend. Susan shared a lot of the relatively recent history of our building with Cat. Cat is looking to create a budget for “running” a building this size

Proposal: Presentation at Sunday Eucharist in the Parish Hall – power point about the building as it is now: **Calendar Dates September 17th (or the 24th)**

MINISTRY REPORTS

- Finance – Susan Howland – The Finance Committee met recently; a report was submitted. The FC briefly discussed staff salaries. At their next meeting they will focus on creating next year’s budget.
- Communications – Susan Howland - There has been regular communication between Susan and Chris McTigue, our parish administrative assistant; Susan keeps the website updated; she has been working on texting a link to mail chimp emails with Cat, and it has been working well.
- Building Committee – Tamsin Lucey – her report will arrive in a few days. Our renter, Jess Cahill, gave her notice – she is not using the office space enough due to the fact that she got a promotion and is traveling more.
- Cooking for Life – Tamsin Lucey – Mother Judith gave the report. Tamsin now offers 1 class a month - alternating here at Holy Trinity, for people in the Finding Hope Program and at the guesthouse for the guests there.
- Landscaping Committee – Lynn Garland – They are looking for resources for finding help with pulling a stump out of the ground. The garden surrounded by the ramp looks lovely.
- Family Worship/Faith Formation – Eileen DeMings – There are 3 things planned – A VBS with pizza party from 5-8 pm on 8/23, followed by practice for the dramatic Gospel reading which will happen on 8/27, collecting school supplies and blessing of the backpacks on 8/27. The steering committee needs to meet to plan for the Fall. Eileen feels we are called to do intergenerational events/programs.
- Daughters of the King - Robin Yates, Lorraine Brumskine – The new president is Robin Yates. Lorraine shops for the barrels that the supplies are shipped in, they can be plastic or pressed cardboard. The barrels are often in high demand, and she is hoping to buy new barrels in September. The plastic ones can be reused for different purposes once they arrive in Liberia. The DOK is looking at starting a new ministry with New Hope.
- Stewardship – Nancy Waugh, Lynn Garland – no report,
- Praying Hands Ministry – Susan Howland – 80 shawls have been blessed since starting the ministry in June 2022. Trisha asked for some guidance in learning how to make prayer shawls. Susan has met with a small group twice so far to sit together. They have been

meeting during the week, but once school starts, there may be evening gatherings. Possible next dates are Monday August 21st or Tuesday the 22nd.

- Hospitality – Cat Reith-Lowery - Cat Reith-Lowery and Karron Lacey will work together on Hospitality. Lynn will work together with the leadership of hospitality to sort out who is doing what. The upstairs kitchen has been cleaned out as have the downstairs closets. The rotation has been working well. There are new people in the rotation, with different foods being served.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION MADE AT 9:10 PM

CLOSING PRAYER: Cat Reith-Lowery

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Frost, clerk