

**HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES**

March 13, 2024

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: Lynn Garland, Robin Yates, Nancy Waugh, John Grant, Ryan Bousquet, Cat Reith-Lowery, Susan Howland, Eileen DeMings, Dave Monroe, Mother Judith, Jean Frost via Zoom

Regrets: none

HOLY EUCHARIST

OPENING BUSINESS

Acceptance of Minutes February 7, 2023 – Jean Frost - **A motion was made to accept the minutes, it was seconded, and carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Waugh - Nancy did not receive any questions after sending out the financial reports and her summary. **A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report, it was seconded, and carried.**

A motion was made to add Pastor Dan as a signer for the Rector's Discretionary Fund, it was seconded, and carried. (Mother Judith will stay on as a signer until the end of 2024). There is a rising high school senior who has applied for a scholarship from the Fitzpatrick Fund. The money is to be used for books or electronic devices to be used for education post high school. **A motion was made to approve the withdrawal of \$486 from the Fitzpatrick Fund, it was seconded and carried.** Interest from quarters ending in April 2023, June 2023, Oct 2023, and Jan 2024 will be used for a scholarship to be given to Madisynn Segarra.

PRIEST'S REPORT

Pastoral Care Check-in

Preview: Holy Week & Easter - On Palm Sunday we will do the Liturgy of Palms. There will be a Maundy Thursday service with foot washing at 7 pm, on Good Friday at 10 am Family Worship Faith Formation will go through the stations of cross at St. Patrick's then the group will return to HTEC for lunch and then a scavenger hunt. At 1 pm the Teens will have a retreat in the church – Mother Judith will put out different crosses for them to explore. While the teens are on retreat in the church the younger kids will be painting rocks for the Resurrection Gardens. At 2 pm, everyone will gather in the Parish Hall to make Resurrection Gardens for our families. At 7 pm that night there will be a Tenebrae service. BLC will hold an Easter Vigil on Saturday night beginning at 7 pm. The Ecumenical Easter morning sunrise service will be held at OSV at 6 am and our service will be at 9:30 am.

Preview: Recognizing our graduates - the first Sunday in June - Madisynn Segarra will graduate from high school this year. Eileen will check to see if there are other kids moving on to the next level of education. Jaycee Thompson will be moving to Junior High next year.

Emily Thompson is designing a notice of our Holy Week services for the sandwich

board. She has been very busy at work.

What have we done well? The Retreat with BLC, the Lenten Family Night at Bethlehem Lutheran – not well attended but it was a very good program. Game Night was wonderful. The music for our services has been very good. The Hymn Sing on Sunday was very good, Anne is an incredible musician.

What could we have done better? Communication about the Lenten program with BLC – it was all online

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion: Locking the door to the narthex – Lynn asked for Vestry approval to discontinue the practice of locking the door from the foyer to the narthex. There was some discussion about why or why not to keep the door locked, but the general feel was to leave it unlocked. To decrease the likelihood, it will get locked a sign can be placed on the door saying there is no need to lock this door. The only Break-in attempt we are aware of was through the church front door. It was unsuccessful. **A motion was made to discontinue the practice of locking the narthex door, it was seconded, and carried.**

MINISTRY REPORTS

- Communications – Susan Howland, Cat Reith-Lowery, John Grant - John brought up that there was a virus on the church computer in the office. He spent a long time getting rid of it. John asked Vestry members not to use the church computer for personal use.
- Building Committee – Tamsin Lucey – Tamsin sent out her report via email.
- Cooking for Life – Tamsin Lucey – no report
- Landscaping Committee – Lynn Garland – no report
- Family Worship/Faith Formation – Eileen DeMings, David Monroe – Holy Week activities already discussed. Teens voted to have another game night. They decided not to do the Karaoke Coffee House, but they will do the International Dinner on April 28th – 6-8 pm.
- Daughters of the King-, Robin Yates - They will be packing the last barrel on Friday. At the end of March, they will have Matthew come to get all the barrels, there are five. That will be the end of the Liberia Mission project, at this time. April 7th is DOK installation – we can have our service at 9:30 since Pastor Dan will not be with us.
- Stewardship – Nancy Waugh, Lynn Garland – no report
- Hospitality – Lynn Garland – no report

Follow-up/Debriefing: Vestry Retreat on March 10 – We were grateful for the guidance from Canon Rich Simpson and Sara Anderson, Assistant to the Bishop, they kept us on track, and overall, it went well. There were some uncomfortable pieces of discussion dealing with finances, but we were able to get through everything we needed to go over.

Covenant for Shared Pastoral Leadership between BLC and HTEC and Pastor Dan: - We went through each section and some questions were asked as we went along. The Covenant will be renewed, and changes made as necessary, each year. The Covenant is between the two congregations and Pastor Dan Purtell, the Letter of agreement is an Episcopal document between HTEC and Pastor Dan Purtell. **A motion was made to approve and sign the Covenant of Shared Pastoral Leadership, it was seconded and carried.**

Planning: Welcoming Pastor Dan Purtell – his first Sunday with us will be April 14th. An appropriate gift would be a BCP/Hymnal, with his name engraved on it. Money could come from Memorial Funds or Faith Formation/Christian Education fund; there will be a special celebration during our fellowship time. There will need to be more discussion about whether coffee hour occurs before or after the service. We will need to write up a list of activities and decide whether each could or should meet before or after the service. Perhaps sending out a survey would be helpful?

Planning: Pastor Dan Purtell's schedule: April through July – we have a calendar of when he will be away during that time.

The Vestry agrees that Mother Judith will be considered our Priest-in-Charge while she is with us during Pastor Dan's sabbatical and will be paid at the rate she is receiving now.

CLOSING PRAYER: Cat Reith-Lowery

ADJOURNMENT at 9:04 pm