

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

## VESTRY MEETING JUNE 11, 2025

## MINUTES

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: John Grant, Cat Reith-Lowery, Eileen DeMings, Nancy Waugh, Pastor Dan Purtel, Robin Yates, Lynn Garland, Susan Howland, Jean Frost, via Zoom – Ryan Bousquet, Dave Monroe  
Regrets: none

## OPENING BUSINESS

- Acceptance of Minutes: May 14, 2025 Jean Frost **A motion was to accept the minutes from the May meeting, 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.**
- Pastoral Care Check-in
- What have we done well? Confirmation went very well, it was a beautiful service, nice pictures with the Bishop. A lot of effort went into that service. Lorraine's transition into Deaconate training is going smoothly. Narthex bathroom floor looks great. Overall we are being good stewards of our building.
- What could we have done better? Nothing was offered

## PRIEST'S REPORT:

- Pastor Dan would like to take a 3-month hiatus from having announcements and God Moments during the service. The flow of the service gets interrupted. God Moments could be shared in Tidings, another suggestions was to write God Moments on a white board in the parish hall for people to see during coffee hour, and announcements can go in the Weekly eNews. Any announcements made during the service will be made by Pastor Dan, or Lynn.
- Bethlehem is OK with having the monthly shared service occur on the last Sunday of the month starting in the Fall. Shared services coming up are on Aug 31 at HTC and Oct 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday of BLC. In Nov the monthly shared services will begin on Nov 30<sup>th</sup> at HTC. Other shared services and locations will be the 4 pm service on Christmas Eve at BLC, the late service on Christmas Eve at HTC, the Sunday after Christmas service of Lessons and Carols at HTC.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> is a shared service at BLC which is their Confirmation service.
- Pastor Dan will be on a 2-day midweek retreat with Fresh Start in the Fall.
- They had a good turnout for the final Chosen episode of this school year. The program will start up again in the Fall.
- Lorraine will preach again on July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Mutual Ministry Review – we are due for one in the Fall. There was also some discussion about a Vestry retreat, a combined Vestry / Council retreat, and a joint congregation retreat.
- Bethlehem's Closet sidewalk sale with youth from both congregations helping was held on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend. Not as many people stopped by compared to previous years.

## FOLLOW-UP TO PREVIOUS BUSINESS

- Update on Eagle Project – Josh has decided not to do his Eagle Project.

## NEW BUSINESS

Certification of Committee Members. The Endowment Committee will need another person to be on the Committee. **A motion was made, seconded and carried to certify the following 2025 Standing Committees:**

1. **Building and Grounds Committee:** Jean Frost, -Chair; David Monroe; Nate Lowery; Tamsin Lucey.
  2. **Communications:** Susan Howland (website); John Grant (technology: virtual communication & meetings); Tamsin Lucey (Facebook administrator); Cat Reith-Lowery (special emails/Mailchimps/evites); Parish Administrative Assistant (Tidings, weekly e- news, collection of information).
  3. **Endowment Committee:** Susan Howland, Chair; Robin Yates, - secretary; 3rd member TBD; Pastor and Treasurer ex-officio members
  4. **Faith formation Steering Committee:** Eileen DeMings (co-chair); Cat Reith-Lowery (co-chair); Heather Bousquet; Rose Reith; Robin Yates; Dave Monroe.
  5. **Finance Committee:** Susan Howland, chair; Nancy Waugh, Treasurer; Josh Spooner; Lana Pieczynski; Pledge Secretary: John Grant – ex-officio member.
  6. **Hospitality Committee:** Lynn Garland (Chair); Sue Grant.
  7. **Mission and Outreach Committee:** Sue Grant, Chair; Suzanne Sharp; Rose Reith; Anne Bouvier-Monroe; the Daughters of the King (currently Robin Yates, Traci Stuart, Laura Gervais).
  8. **Parrettie Committee:** Lynn Garland, Sr. Warden; Susan Howland, Jr. Warden; Lana Pieczynski; Barbara Kalber; Tamsin Lucey; Priest and Treasurer, ex officio.
  9. **Pastoral Relations Committee:** Pastor Dan, chair; Lynn Garland; Susan Howland; Tamsin Lucey; Robin Yates.
  10. **Stewardship Committee:** Nancy Waugh; Lynn Garland.
- Open Discussion: What would you like to talk about? Eileen would like to have a co-chair for the Faith Formation Steering Committee, she does not feel like she has kept things going this year. Cat Reith-Lowery offered to be the co-chair with Eileen. Eileen accepted her offer. Eileen also asked about the leaflet vs using the Book of Common Prayer – discussion ensued about the fact that we are using prayers and liturgy from a supplement to the BCP called Enriching Our Worship. A suggestion was made to have someone more familiar with the newer options come to do some continuing education for the Vestry.
  - The Town will have a new mandate for anti-choking certification that will go into effect by January 2026. The town will offer classes for anti-choking certification, and anyone who is certified for CPR is already certified for anti-choking. Certified persons need to be registered with the town. A certified person must be present whenever food is available at church events.

## MINISTRY REPORTS (as appropriate)av

- Communications: Susan Howland, Cat Reith-Lowry, John Grant

- Building Committee: Jean Frost - Jean went through the Building Committee report. There was some discussion about the electrical work to be done in the sanctuary. The estimate that was asked for and received involves adding 11 new outlets in the nave of the church; 4 along each side, two at the rear – one on each side of the door from the narthex and 1 in the corner where the computer for live-streaming the service is located. There are three other outlets, one is near the organ, and the other two are in the sacristy. The Vestry decided to move forward with the original estimate. **A motion was made to accept the estimate for \$4,700, to be paid from the savings account, it was seconded, and carried.** Susan has looked more closely at our electricity usage since the building usage has increased. She has information for anyone who is interested.
- Endowment Committee: Susan Howland – no report
- Landscaping Committee: Lynn Garland, Dave Monroe – plants are doing well outside
- Family Worship/Faith Formation: Eileen DeMings – no additional report
- Youth Program: Dave Monroe and Ryan Bousquet no report
- Daughters of the King: Robin Yates **no report?**
- Stewardship: Nancy Waugh, Lynn Garland – A handout from TENS went into Tidings, and it has been posted on the website.
- Hospitality: Lynn Garland going well

CLOSING PRAYER – Susan Howland

ADJOURNMENT 9:15 pm