

**Trinity Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes 9/28/21
Via Zoom and In-Person**

Present: Rev. Lisa Musser, Stewart Abbot, Patricia Streeter, Katie Kinney, Jan Branham, Paul Scholar, Sandy Torres, Andy Kitchell, Dorothy Sullivan, Bob Brunswig, Judy Gregory

Also present: Joe Butler, Barb Maxfield

Correspondence:

The Chamber Orchestra thanked Trinity for allowing them to be the orchestra in residence with a check for \$1,000 for use of our facilities, \$500 for use and upkeep of the piano, and \$1,000 donation to the organ project.

Stewart has received many thank-you notes from many organizations that have received benefit from Trinity's Outreach.

BUSINESS

Additions to the agenda:

- Patricia adds discussion re remediation of southern lot where grass has been destroyed and asks that this item go under Dayspring use for parking.

- Length of meetings.

September 14 minutes approved with the following correction:

Alter in altar guild needs to be corrected in the discussion section re VPOD, last sentence in altar guild. Motion to approve minutes as corrected by Dorothy. Second by Judy. Motion carries.

Financial report

Katie reports we are progressively deeper in the hole. \$32,000 in hole for August. Projection is about the same going into September. We've been losing about \$12,000 per month. Motion to approve the financial report by Finance Committee. Second by Jan. Motion carries.

VPOD

Judy suggests we add turning off all lights in the list of things to do. Please remember that the priority is to greet people. Karoline is requesting assistance helping VPOD know what to do; sort of an in-house training. If you can assist in showing other vestry members what to do, please do, so we don't have to rely on Karoline as much.

Parish ministries list

Dorothy asks whether vestry members can serve as chairs. Lisa suggests that a good model is a three-year model: year one being the chair, year two bring up a new chair that you train up to take your place, year three more in ex officio role.

Ministry fair

A ministry fair is still being considered but we first need to know who is in charge of each ministry. Stewart wants to do it outdoors. October 17? We will have an announcement at services describing what each ministry does. In addition to a verbal announcement, we will put in writing so Julie can type it up and publish it.

Dayspring parking

Per Patricia, Becky Saffron, the Interim Community Development Director, contacted Patricia to notify her that the City has agreed to let us use our lot for overflow parking in a limited way. Patricia read the letter from the City. The City will allow overflow parking in the southern lot.

There currently exists a path of bare dirt from our paved area to Dayspring. That needs to be remediated. We have areas that may become ruts. The City suggested gravel; Patricia suggested native grasses. Because Dayspring has caused it with their use of the area, it was suggested that we might consider that part of our agreement with Dayspring is that it be repaired. A concern was raised about whether the variance only applies to church functions. Patricia assures that the discussion was inclusive of Dayspring and the Greeley Chamber Orchestra. The City advises they will keep the letter in the file to prove that the use has been approved. Lisa recommends repair with gravel. Some suggestions were made to move path further east and remediate with vegetation. The suggestions was made to look into the use of recycled asphalt rather than gravel.

Stewart advises that a hauling company is going to be hauling away the construction debris in the southern lot.

Some neighbors on the edge of the southern lot continue to be noncompliant with our cease and desist letter. No action will be taken until 90 days have expired. If noncompliance continues beyond that date, the vestry will need to decide what action will be taken.

Lisa has had conversations with diocese to help us navigate the potential sale of property. Dayspring wants to move quickly, but we are unable to do that because of the structure of the Episcopal Church. Investigation and evaluation will continue. If the property would sell, Trinity would retain the proceeds from the sale according to Lisa.

Ending of vestry meetings

By consensus of the vestry, Stewart will end the vestry meetings by 8:30, unless, by majority vote, we continue in 15-minute increments beyond that time.

Reports

Treasurer's report

The Finance Committee approved Patricia's request to spend \$1,000 for removal of construction debris around the shed south of the parking lot.

Junior Warden

No additional report

Senior Warden

Joe Butler has indicated interest in filling the open vestry position.

Rector

Rev. Lisa thanks the parish for prayers re Gabriel; she will work from home this week, there will be no Thursday services. She will continue to be retested.

Another parishioner tested positive for COVID who attended the 10:30 service last Sunday. That congregation has been notified.

Last Sunday was the Front Range Convocation. Trinity was represented by Rev. Lisa and Stewart. Convention is coming up October 7-9.

Blessing of the animals will be held Sunday, October 3, at 10:30 outside. Attendees will bring their own chairs. Treats for dogs and cats, as well as parishioners, will be provided. St. Francis medals will be available.

Altar guild training will take place on Saturday, October 2.

The Stewardship efforts might be pushed back a week to enable Rev. Lisa to be back in the office.

Dan Franz and Chamber Orchestra will be discussing protocol regarding steps to proceed at Trinity, ie, cleaning, masks, capacity, et cetera.

The office administrator position candidates know about the delay and why and they are all fine with waiting until they can meet in person.

Rev. Lisa is thankful for the flexibility to work from home.

There is currently no supply priest scheduled for next Sunday.

Stewart closed with the collect of the day.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Matt, Vestry Clerk