

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Greeley, Colorado

## Vestry Minutes

June 27, 2023

**Present:** Stewart Abbot, Lisa Blank, Bob Brunswig, Jim DeMersseman, Margaret Grant, Judy Gregory, Linda Haley, Mark Johnson, Sarah LaMotte, Rev. Lisa Musser, Linda Springer, Patricia Streeter

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM

Meditation led by Bob Brunswig

Stewart Abbot led the Vestry in The Lord's Prayer.

### **Rules for Felicitous Gathering:**

Stewart requested that the Vestry indicate when they wish to speak to avoid speaking over each other. - making discussions more understandable by all.

### **V.P.O.D. Sign up:**

Stewart passed a sign up sheet for the balance of 2023.

**Visitor Recognition:** Shawn Miller

### **Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence.

### **Consent Agenda**

\* Minutes from 5/23/23 were approved, as corrected. Motion to approve by Rev. Lisa Musser, second by Bob Brunswig. Passed unanimously.

\* Financial report from 5/23/23 was approved. Motion to approve by Rev. Lisa Musser, second by Bob Brunswig. Passed unanimously.

### **Discussion**

\* Mr. Smith This individual has been sleeping on our campus under a tree. Rev. Lisa has interviewed him, determined that he is homeless and feels that he does not present a risk. She has spoken with another parish where he has had contact and the Interim Priest concurred with her evaluation. Mr. Smith has

attended Trinity services for a few weeks and has indicated interest in becoming involved in some manner. The Vestry engaged in discussion about issues and possibilities.

Rev. Lisa advises that we need to present options ASAP.

The following members offered to do some research:

Lisa Blank - Social services

Judy Gregory - Barb Maxfield

Bob Brunswig - Look within ourselves

- \* Endowment Update Judy Gregory presented a detailed “statement of endowment” proposal created by the Endowment Committee for review by the Vestry. The Vestry felt that the proposal is “flexible and straight forward” and requested that it be presented to the Finance Committee. If approved by the Finance Committee it will be forwarded to the Vestry for final approval and resolution to open the account. The Endowment Committee was commended for excellent work.
- \* Financial Status/ Stewardship Stewart Abbot spoke to the urgent need to resolve Trinity’s finances. He urged that “we can’t keep doing this”. Although we have funds available to complete this year, our income/cost profile cannot continue. Stewart has asked the Finance Committee to assist with the Stewardship Campaign. Also, he asked for Vestry volunteers.

Various options were discussed.

- \* Clarification of budgeted Mission funds and reserve funds for those Missions showing a negative balance on financial statement (In this case Outreach). Due to the formatting/platform of our financial report software the Outreach mission looks to be overspent. In fact, they have reserve (restricted) funds from which Rachel pulls the funds needed to cover the difference. The annual “budgeted” amount is what shows on the financial report. In fact the available funds include reserve funds. Due to the software limitations this available money cannot be entered into the financial statement. End of year reports clarify and balance the amounts.

Further consideration will be needed to resolve the best, most efficient reporting method.

**Decision:** Request to Stewart Abbot by Sally Clift for consideration of reduced deposit for use of Parish Hall. “A Woman’s Place” has requested use of the Parish Hall in late summer/early fall 2023 for a fund raising event. Sally Clift is requesting, on behalf of “A Woman’s Place”, a reduction in the costs of that use.

The Vestry has previously agreed, specifically and in principle, to the creation of a schedule of charges and usage parameters for groups requesting use of Trinity facilities.

Discussion ensued regarding the advisability of providing exceptions to the building use policy and charges which are needed to support our facility and missions. It was moved by Mark Johnson and seconded by Linda Springer that we maintain our building policy. Passed with 8 Yes, 3 No and 1 abstention.

In continued discussion individual members indicated that they would personally make contributions to “A Woman’s Place” to offset a portion of costs for facility use for this function.

### **Reports:**

#### **Treasurer - Sarah LaMotte and Stewart Abbot**

Pledge - \$16,631.  
Plate - \$3971.  
Misc Income - \$726.  
Total Revenue - \$21,328.  
Total Expenses - \$48,673.  
Deficit - \$27,345.

#### **Junior Warden - Mark Johnson**

Roof Update Mark Johnson, Junior Warden, reported the the repairs to our roof were completed last week. There was more structural work than anticipated and Slaughter will adsorb the additional costs.

Grass - North Side Building The grass was planted but growth failed.

Courtyard Fountain Removed

Ants - still need to check by prayer station door

Sprinklers OK - 3 days per week

Vases by dumpster for the taking - otherwise will go in dumpster

Chapel platform Considered changes would take about two weeks to complete work. Carpet and some decking would need to be replaced. No cost estimate yet.

**Senior Warden - Stewart Abbot**

VPOD last Sunday - door to inside Wee Love open and outside door Wee Love not locked. Combo lock in Chapel unlocked. This demonstrates how important VPOD's lock up duties are.

**Rector - Rev. Lisa Musser**

9:30 Service - Going well. Former 8:00 service worshipers are enjoying seeing others.

The webinar on Fraud and Scams was very informational. It can be shown again - we have recorded it.

When Fr. Rex is supply priest we need to make sure his mike is well placed. He tends to speak very quietly.

Office will be closed on July 4.

Away July 14 - 16 to Salt Lake City for wedding. Scott Turner will be supply priest.

Holy Commotion was on last Sunday. Around 20 attended.

Sabrina is doing an awesome job of contacting interested attendees. The response after inquiry has been wonderful.

**In Parting:** Stewart Abbot - Thanks for your input this evening.

Ogden Nash  
The Rhinoceros

**Adjourned**

**Dates**

**Tuesday Evening Contemplative Prayer** First and Third Tuesday evenings 6 - 7 PM Chapel

**Vestry** July 25, 2023 6:30 PM Library

**Pie for the 4th of July** - July 2, 2023 - after service- Parish Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Streeter, Clerk of the Vestry