

Trinity Episcopal Church

Greeley, Colorado

Vestry Minutes

May 23, 2023

Present: 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 6:30 PM

Meditation led by Rev. Lisa Musser - a reading from Gift from the Sea by Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Rev. Lisa led the Vestry in The Lord's Prayer.

Visitor Recognition: There were no visitors

Correspondence:

Rev. Lisa read a note from the Lutheran Campus Ministry thanking Trinity for a gift of \$2000.

Consent Agenda

- * Minutes from 4/25/23 were approved. Motion to approve by Judy Gregory, second by Bob Brunswig. Passed unanimously.
- * Financial report from April 2023 was approved. Motion to approve by Judy Gregory, second by Bob Brunswig. Passed unanimously.

Discussion

* Wee Love Leases Update

Leases have been executed for two periods - #1, Winter lease - 9 month thru May 2024, \$600 per month #2, Summer lease - June thru August - \$400. total.

* Greeley Chamber Orchestra

Dan Franz and Rev. Lisa have worked to start to develop a framework. They are waiting for Stewart Abbot to return to complete agreement.

* Endowment Update

Judy Gregory reported that the committee visited with Scott Asper, Colorado Episcopal Foundation. Scott outlined some of the steps we need to take to establish an account with the foundation. There are choices of account types and choices of annual amount withdrawal.

Any money can be used on a quarterly basis. However, more left in the fund earns more longterm. Short term fund programs are available.

Scott pointed out that it is important that we communicate within our community that donations to a foundation are possible for everyone - not only wealthy families. Also, it is important to communicate that giving to a Trinity foundation will not impact a parishioners annual giving.

We have two parishioners who are interested in giving the initial amount \$2000. as seed money to open an account with The Episcopal Foundation of Colorado.

Mark Johnson moved and Margaret Grant seconded the motion to use this seed money for the purpose of opening the account for Trinity with the Episcopal Foundation of Colorado. Unanimously approved.

Simultaneously Judy and the committee will continue to work on the formation of an endowment policy for Trinity. This will be necessary to be completed prior to a formal program agreement. This policy agreement will be presented to the Finance committee and then, on approval, to the Vestry for final approval.

* Day Spring Parking Permission Request

Weston Kurz has requested permission to park on Trinity property between 8 and 3PM Monday thru Thursday and have access to the football field through our property once per week between June 1 and August 1. There were numerous questions and concerns.

Rev. Lisa will contact Weston for additional information for final Vestry approval.

* Next steps in search for a Sexton

The job description was presented to the Finance committee and approved. The following issues need to be clarified 1) Grounds keeping 2) Light snow removal 3) Kitchen responsibilities.

Rev. Lisa will begin to post the position for Sexton and will notify the Vestry when potential candidates have responded. At that time a request will be made to the Vestry to create a position in the budget for Sexton (covered with the

budgeted amount for our current cleaning service). This will result in the ultimate termination of the arrangement of Brightwhite.

* Retrofit of chapel stage

Multiple steps with no hand railing to the altar has been identified as dangerous to many parishioners - limiting the use of the area. Rev. Lisa would like to consider lowering the deck of the altar area resulting in just having one step to the altar due to the safety issue.

Mark Johnson stated that he believes there is a gas line running along the wall as well as electrical conduits. He feels that most likely we can accomplish this adjustment.

Jim DeMerrseman recommended that we begin an exploratory process.

Decision:

* New Worship Materials

Trying to make our 9:30 service into a new "Trinity Service" Rev. Lisa proposes to provide information that visitors and newcomers to the Episcopal liturgy could use to enhance their worship experience. It focuses on an explanation in quick, easy to understand printed material in the pews. She has available, at no charge to us, a set of this formatted material that we could have printed on small cards and made available in the pews. The cost for preparation would be \$641. for 100 sets of 38 cards. \$1054. for 200 sets of 38 cards.

Rev Lisa recommended that we start with an order of 100. A parishioner has offered a gift, and it was decided that the balance could come from unused funds in the Latino Fund Ministry and/ or Altar Guild.

The program was unanimously approved.

Reports:

Treasurer - Sarah LaMotte

Pledge - \$24,574

Plate - \$6,696

Total Revenue \$32,565

Expenses \$40,500

General Operating Loss loss for month \$7935

Junior Warden - Mark Johnson

* Sprinkler pipes have been repaired.

* We have a snow melt system under the front terrace/patio. Evidently it has 4 zones The system is about 10 years old and we have no “map” of the exact location of the controls and settings. It is our understanding that it is likely that some of these can be turned off to reduce winter heat costs. Mark is conducting further investigations for a solution ad recommendation.

Rector - Rev. Lisa Musser

* New things are in plans for the 9:30 service. Rev. Lisa is working with Ray to identify songs which are not in the hymnal which could be used for the service.

* A reminder that one of the reasons for the new single summer service is the scarcity of service ministers for two services.

* Current chalice ministers will be invited to participate in a “communion” wine tasting.

* We will be moving to new vestments - white albs.

* Lisa will be making a trip to Portland, Oregon to visit her Mother.

* There will be a “Pie for the 4th of July” celebration after the July 2nd service. Bring your pie to join your parishioners for the coffee hour.

* “Creation Care - Care of the Earth” A new challenge that Rev. Lisa and Stewart Abbot are working on. Stay Tuned!

Adjourned:

Go in Peace to Love and serve the Lord !

Dates

Pentecost – begin one service @ 9:30am, May 28,2023

Trinity Sunday Parish Picnic, June 4, 2023

Rev. Lisa @ Cathedral Ridge/Family Camp June 20-25

Finance Committee June 21, 2023

Vestry June 27, 2023

Pie for the 4th of July - July2, 202

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Streeter
Clerk of the Vestry