

Trinity Episcopal Church
Greeley Colorado

Vestry Minutes
March 28, 2023

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

Present via Zoom: Rev. Lisa Musser, Linda Springer

Guest: Eileen Beal

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM
Stewart Abbot led in the Lord's prayer - traditional version.

Visitor Recognition: Eileen Beal was welcomed.

Clerk of the Vestry:

Patricia Streeter was welcomed as our new Clerk of the Vestry.

Correspondence:

Card received from Eileen Beal - "Love conquers all - Blessings Abound Here"

Received mail from "Otis and Bedingfield, LLC" advising that Deidre Wolach had named Trinity as a "person of interest" in a reading of her will.

Consent Agenda:

* Special electronic Vestry vote (Article V, section 7) regarding appointment of Patricia Streeter as Clerk of the Vestry. All members responding voted in the affirmative.

Motion to approve by Jim DeMersseman, second by Bob Brunswig Passed unanimously.

Business:

* Stewart Abbot met with Andy Slaughter and the Roofing Tile Source representative to continue discussion regarding our roof issues. Stewart asked if replacing the ridge tiles with tiles of the appropriate dimensions could be a step in correcting our issues.

Andy replied that this might be a good idea for the time being and he would give it more thought and proceed with an estimate.

Discussion

* Jim DeMersseman reported on progress of specifications and checklists being developed for our facility usage. He feels that nothing needs an additional vote. These represent clarifications and specifications of what previously was approved.

- 1) Time limits for rentals (with extensions possible), space rental specifications, development of costs for different spaces and specific contracts (Chamber Orchestra and Wee Love) were discussed and are still works in progress. The final decisions will be given to Sabrina to print as an official document.
- 2) Checklists for use and clean up responsibility in specific location use (i.e. kitchen, parish hall, other meeting areas) are in progress and will be available at time of contract and posted as appropriate in respective areas (kitchen, parish hall, etc).

* Building lock-up issues were discussed.

- 1) Areas of the building have been overlooked in the lock-up process. Rev. Lisa has found lights on and doors unlocked after building has been vacated. Stewart commented that our challenge is that "people wander and doors don't always latch".
- 2) Vestry felt that a checklist re building lock-up needs to be developed. Comments included: Toggle switch needs to be turned off at two sets of automatic doors; teams of two could be assigned for lock-up; a vestry tour of all doors and lock up tasks would be helpful; Sunday School staff could be trained to lock up their area and the end of duty on Sunday.

* Proposed Blood Drive - Eileen Beal was welcomed to present considerations of a Blood Drive to be conducted at Trinity by Garth Englund Blood Drive Center.

- 1) The Blood Center opened in Greeley in December 2022. To date their operations have been at their donation center at 70th Avenue and 10th Street. Previously they have had two schedules 9-2 and 11-4 7 days a week. Contact Person Joe Dunn 970-495-8962.
- 2) GEBDC has expressed interest in doing a site donation at Trinity. Trinity would have several responsibilities (still unknown). Prior promotion and volunteer hours at the event would be among them.
- 3) A site visit to explore specifics has been scheduled but to date there is no confirmation.

- * Recruitment of possible Vestry members and Development of Youth Group
 - 1) Stewart has spoken to two individuals - after careful consideration they declined.
 - 2) Rev. Lisa organized a meeting regarding re development of the Youth Group. Two families showed up. Because of their ongoing family life commitments their schedules could not accommodate the responsibilities and attendance.

She feels it is clear that we need to proceed to rebuild the group - starting with middle school and pre middle school families in activities.
- * Easter Sunday Brunch for Choir, Bells, Clergy and Liturgical Volunteers was discussed. Judy Gregory assembled a group of Vestry volunteers to provide a light breakfast between services.
- * Wee Love - Rhonda through her hard work has received grants and received permission from the donors to contribute toward filters for our air system. This has been processed through Rachel.
- * Memorial Gift Policy Committee - Linda Haley has met with Kim Houtchens regarding recommendations. Sheryl McBride, Craig Shenkberg and Jordon Miller have joined the committee.
- * VPOD Judy Gregory is not on the current list and is willing to substitute.
- * Building our Trinity volunteer corps. Jim DeMersseman spoke to the need for the Vestry to work to develop volunteers for the many tasks required at Trinity. His recommendations were to talk to people, make them feel welcome, invite them to join you in one of your volunteer activities. Help visitors and new parishioners get their "feet on the floor"
- * Congratulations to "Holy Commotion" The service is a huge success. Great turn out, lots of activity and joy.

Reports

Treasurer - Sarah LaMotte

Revenue Pledge \$17,876; Plate \$3,408; Other \$3,617 (Wee Love Payment)
Total \$24,901 under budget get by approximately \$6000.

Expenses \$47,680. Gas bill, snow removal, workers comp/property liability insurance.
Over budget by approximately \$6000.

Year to date status February net loss \$22,779 Year to date net loss \$27,837

Junior Warden - Mark Johnson

Mark, Stewart Abbot, Rev. Lisa and Linda Haley attended a webinar sponsored by the Episcopal Church concerning planned budgeted costs for church facilities. The projections were determined by sq. footage of the facility and based on the data from a number of parishes. Mark believes that our sq. footage has been measured in the past and he will look for those records. According to the presentation we can anticipate large sums for replacement of capital equipment and repairs in our future due to the age of our buildings.

Day of Raking

Saturday April 22 Beginning at 8:30 AM General trimming and clean up

Saturday April 29 Beginning at 8:30 AM Finish trimming and load and haul to Greeley
Clean Up Sites.

Pick up trucks and Trailers needed.

Senior Warden - Stewart Abbot

Said everything he needed to say. No further report.

Rector - Rev. Lisa Musser

For day of Raking see Jr. Warden report.

- * Paperwork has been completed for 4 new families coming in to Trinity.
- * We have leased a new copier. The lease has a better cost structure.
- * Considering moving to one Sunday service for the summer beginning Memorial day weekend. Time not decided - but no later than 9:30 AM. Talk to your fellow parishioners for their opinions and recommendations.
- * Palm Sunday will be a joyous celebration. We will have a donkey join us for our parade in front of Trinity with our palms. It will be an outward and visible sign that we are here!
- * The church will be closed Monday and Tuesday after Easter.
- * There is consensus that the Lenten Program has worked well.
- * There will be 2 baptisms on April 16.

* Report of two weddings mentioned last month - potential local wedding has been canceled and Utah wedding is awaiting approval by Bishop of Utah.

Closing: "The Grackle" Ogden Nash - Stewart Abbot

7:52 PM Jim DeMerrseman moved to adjourn. Margaret Grant seconded.

Dates to Remember

Palm Sunday April 2, 2023

Stations of the Cross April 3,4,5

Maundy Thursday April 6

Good Friday April 7

Easter Day April 9

Respectfully submitted.

Patricia Streeter
Clerk of the Vestry