

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Greeley Colorado

Vestry Minutes  
April 25, 2023

**Present:** Stewart Abbot, Lisa Blank, Bob Brunswig, 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

Stewart Abbot led the Vestry in prayer.

Lisa Blank led the Vestry in the Lord's prayer - traditional version.

**Visitor Recognition:** Andy Slaughter, Slaughter Roofing will arrive at 6:45 PM

**Correspondence:** Stewart has received a business card soliciting parking lot repair.

**Consent Agenda:**

- \* Minutes from 3/28/23 Vestry Meeting were approved. Motion to approve by Stewart Abbot, second by Mark Johnson. Passed unanimously.
- \* Financial Report from March 2023. Motion to approve by Stewart Abbot, second by Mark Johnson. Passed unanimously.

**Additions:**

- \* Patricia Streeter donated 6 Trinity Logo aprons to the parish. They are in the Kitchen pantry. She will ask Jim DeMersseman to give them to her when soiled for washing.

**Business:**

- \* Andy Slaughter, Slaughter Roofing. Presentation of Nave roof status and recommendations.

Andy has met with the tile manufacturers representatives and has determined that the leakage issue can be corrected by replacing the ridge tiles in a correct size. Also the under structure will be reinforced where needed. The new tiles can be manufactured in a timely manner.

He commented that the quality of the tile material as well as the manufacturer are excellent and that the leakage issue is due to the inadequate size of the original ridge tiles.

Andy stressed that his goals are to (1) stop the leaks and (2) commit to join us in being a good steward of our church resources.

Replacement of tile on the South side is not necessary. It is recommended to replace falling tiles as we go and keep track of those replacements to indicate any larger issues.

Work schedule for ridge tile replacement would be to stage resources and necessary equipment and have a goal to complete work, after staging, in one work day. It is possible that it could roll into an additional day.

Cost of proposal \$9800. No deposit required. Only potential increase would be for repair due to further deterioration that cannot be observed prior to repair.

A Motion to approve the work to be performed by Slaughter Roofing at the cost of \$9800, paid from the Capital Fund, was made by Patricia Streeter and seconded by Bob Brunswig. Passed unanimously.

\* Blood Drive TBD at a later date.

## **Discussion**

\* Establishing Endowment Fund

The need for and benefits of a formal Endowment Fund were discussed resulting in endorsement for such a fund by the Vestry. Rev. Lisa explained the functioning of an endowment fund - managed by the Episcopal Foundation. The initial funding requirement for implementation is \$2000. We have this covered by bequests from two parishioners. It was agreed that an Endowment Committee would be established - perhaps to be merged with the currently developing Memorial Fund Committee (Sheryl McBride, Craig Shenkenberg, Jordan Miller)/ Gift Acceptance Committee.

Stewart will invite Scott Asper, Executive Director, Colorado Episcopal Foundation, to meet with our Vestry in person or via Zoom for additional discussion and information.

Additional information regarding the foundation can be found at [www.coef.org](http://www.coef.org)

\* Various parish communication needs were discussed. Linda Haley has volunteered to write these for the Epistle as needed.

\* As discussions of past history regarding property construction, costs and parameters of past improvement arose, the Vestry decided that we need to improve and establish our record keeping and the designation of location of those records. In addition who will be responsible needs to be established.

- \* Graduation celebration plans for our graduating seniors are complete.
- \* Judy Gregory addressed a request from Wee Love regarding grass reseed and irrigation augmentation in a small area in the playground. Director Rhonda is willing to reseed and requests addition of a sprinkler head. After discussion regarding the ability to add and the cost of an additional sprinkler head it was decided to approve the reseed and supply water via hose and sprinkler. The review of any existing sprinkler head and its condition plus possibility and cost of addition will take place. There was no decision regarding who would operate the manual hose/sprinkler operation.
- \* Appreciation was expressed for the the explanations of the various items on the “Designated Fund Summary”. In discussion of the Choral Scholarship entry questions arose about the use of those funds for music purchase which led to questions about the location of Episcopal Church Alternative Music hymnals. Mark reported that he thought there were multiple copies in a cabinet behind the service area in the narthex. Their quantity and titles will be investigated and reported back to the vestry.

## **Reports**

### **Treasurer - Sarah LaMotte**

This past month has shown the largest receipt of income \$34,617.

Pledge - \$26,482

Plate - 6,558

Other - 1577

Expenses - \$44,155

General Operating Loss - \$9538

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

There has been a great turnout for “The Raking” There was a lot of work accomplished.

Rachel Thompson has informed us of an upcoming webinar on May 9, “Episcopal Parish Network - Activating your Building”. (Contact Mark or Rachel for additional information.)

### **Senior Warden - Stewart Abbot**

See information regarding “Episcopal Parish Network - Activating your Building” webinar above in Jr. Warden Report.

The webinar initiated a conversation regarding our need to decrease and properly dispose of our plastic waste. Stewart recommends that the Vestry members become advocates and leaders for this reduction and proper disposal. A recycle bin with appropriate signage will be placed in the Parish Hall and elsewhere if needed. Use will begin to be encouraged at the upcoming Parish

picnic. We should consider using our ample supply of china and silverware rather than disposables. Our “industrial” dishwasher is quick and easy to use.

**Rector - Rev. Lisa Musser**

Holy Week and Easter Services were wonderful, followed the next Sunday with a baptism.

The Women’s Fellowship Luncheon was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.

We continue to welcome new families to Trinity.

The poll of both services regarding summer worship services resulted in the choice of one 9:30 AM service beginning on Memorial Day weekend.

Dorothy Sullivan’s class continues to be very successful. This should be a good trend for upcoming Summer Bible Study.

Rev. Lisa reminded us of the current “mouse” issue. After considerable discussion regarding the methods of extermination - it was decided that “sticky mouse strips” will be used.

The Sexton job description will be ready for the May Finance Committee and May Vestry.

Rev. Lisa will attend the three day Diocesan Clergy conference next week.

**Closing:**

Stewart Abbot

The Termite - Ogden Nash

**Dates to Remember**

April 29 -2nd Day of Raking

May 7 - Graduating Senior Recognition Service

May 18 - Trinity Women’s Fellowship 1:30 PM

May 20 - Men’s Fellowship Group - Breakfast 8 AM

May 28 - New Summer service schedule 9:30 AM

June 1 - 10:00 AM - 12 Noon Women’s Summer Bible Study Begins

Respectfully submitted.

Patricia Streeter

Clerk of the Vestry