

Trinity Vestry Meeting Minutes - May 11, 2021(Approved)

6:30 PM

Attendance: Stewart Abbot, Senior Warden; Patricia Streeter, Junior Warden; Katie Kinney, Treasurer; Jesus Pureco; Judy Gregory; Andy Kitchell; Linda Springer; Dorothy Sullivan; Rev. Lisa Musser; Jan Branham, Bob Brunswig
Excused: Sandy Torres

The meeting was opened at 6:35 PM with a meditation by Rev. Lisa

Business

Approve Minutes April 27, 2021: make change to minutes to reflect that the St. Gregory's document was used for organizational format. **Bob set a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Patricia. Motion passed with dissent.**

Additions to the agenda: Andy asked to add the Community Covenant to our discussion.

Discussion

May 9 service feedback: When possible more outside services. Anything that could have gone wrong didn't. Communion went slow, and could have gone more smoothly. Patricia spoke with 5 parishioners that didn't show up, even though they had reservations. They didn't want to participate due to weather. Livestream had some sound and visual obstruction. It would be good for vestry to look at reservation list to see who did/did not participate. The sound system did extremely well. Kudos to Karoline, Travis, and Camin for all the hard work to make Sunday a success. Having the Bishop's presence was just spot on. Very impressed by the Bishop.

Project Resource update: Stewart, Katie, Judy, Linda, and Rev. Lisa are participating in the Project Resource program sponsored by the diocese. This is a stewardship seminar for six weeks on Sunday afternoons. The goal of the seminar is to prepare a plan to implement a more holistic, year-round stewardship ministry. There is a lot of information and feels like one is drinking from a firehose at times. There is really good stuff that we will be able to implement this year.

Organ Restoration update: Spencer Organs will be onsite May 17-27. They will be cleaning pipes in the Swell and Choir divisions. The Choir box will be disassembled in order to get the pipes out and will not be reconstructed until later in the summer. Currently, all the Swell and Choir reeds are being restored. We anticipate this portion of the work to be completed late summer.

Trinity Community Covenant: This is keeping folks from worshipping with us. It is either us drawing a line in the sand or they are drawing a line in the sand. Andy, Judy, and Dorothy all said they had numerous calls from parishioners about their objections to the covenant. Does having the covenant protect us/volunteers from potential lawsuit? Yes. Does having the statement from Church Insurance Company have to be a part of this? Looking at other churches, the CIC statement is not included. Why do other churches not have it? Why can't we just list the rules? Having to sign the covenant provides an

avenue of distrust and judgement. The biggest objection is the CIC statement. Folks that showed up for services on Sunday without a reservation did have to sign the covenant; there were no issues. Andy would like a revote of the covenant next meeting to remove the signature requirement. Judy would like a revote of the covenant next meeting to remove the CIC statement. Patricia would like for us to decide what is best for us and our congregation.

Reentry - Parish hall services: Patricia will meet with Karoline to go over logistics and plans for having indoor worship. It will be quite similar to our outdoor worship protocols There are needs for hosts and ushers. Children & Youth programs: Patricia and Rev. Lisa will be meeting with Meg and Lynette this week to discuss the needs of the programs and how we can safely restart our programs.

Office schedule: With the move to indoor worship there are more things that need to be done in person. We currently have six volunteers signed up to help on Thursdays and Fridays to help. Office hours will be Wednesday-Friday, 9am to 1pm. There are safety protocols in place for the staff. Anyone wanting entry into the building must be masked.

Property line issues: It has come to our attention that we have some significant property line issues. We will need to retain legal counsel to help us navigate these issue. More discussion at future meetings.

Clerk of the Vestry: Sheryl McBride has stepped down as Clerk. We thank her for her years of service to the Vestry and congregation. We need to think about who could fulfill this role. Any names should be given to Rev. Lisa.

Worship ministry volunteers: we are in need of new Altar Guild members. As well, as ushers and hosts for our check in procedures. If we do not have these volunteers we will not be able to sustain in person worship. Again, if you will think of folks who can be invited into these ministries please reach out to Rev. Lisa.

Decision

1. Outreach freezer purchase - The Finance Committee recommends that the Vestry approves the expenditure of approximately \$400-500 for a new chest freezer. **Paul moved that the Vestry approves the purchase of the new freezer. Jan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Outreach Blessing Fund - The Outreach Committee was allocated \$750 from the Outreach reserve fund to provide help to folks in the community that came to their attention. The Committee received two requests for help totally approx. \$850 and those funds were spent. The Committee is now asking for any additional \$2000 for requests that could come in the next months. After discussion, **Stewart moved to have Outreach receive another \$750. Linda seconded. Paul wanted to clarify that the committee will need to come back to vestry when additional funds are needed. Bob said it is not an inconvenience to allocate funds. It helps vestry to understand what is going on. The question was called. Motion passed unanimously.**

Reports

Rector - Nothing to report

Junior Warden - Katie and Patricia have been measuring for mulch for the grounds. There is a desperate need for landscaping work on the property.

Senior Warden - Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer and blessings from Rev. Lisa at 8:45pm.

Dates

Project Resource continues Sundays 1-2:30

Finance Committee - Friday, May 21 @ Noon

Vestry - Tuesday, May 25 @ 6:30pm