

Vestry Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2021
Final

The meeting was called to order by Sr. Warden Abbot at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Sr. Warden Stewart Abbot, Jr. Warden Patricia Streeter, Jan Branham, Judy Gregory, Dorothy Sullivan, Jesus Pureco, Andy Kitchell, Paul Scholar, Sandy Torres, Bob Brunswig, Treasurer Katie Kinney and Linda Springer. Rev. Lisa was excused.

Guests attending were Herrick Garnsey, Barb Maxfield, Karoline Woodruff, and Lisa Blank.

The Meditation was presented by Sandy. The Lord's Prayer and Vestry Covenant were read by all.

Ministry Report:

There was no ministry report scheduled.

Business:

The Minutes from the July 13, 2021, meeting were reviewed, and one correction made. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Dorothy to accept the Minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Judy read a note we received from Charles and Thelma Shaeffer thanking us for allowing their relatives to park their motorhome in our church parking lot. Their relatives were here to witness their wedding vow renewal service. They were most appreciative of our assistance.

Financial Report – Presented and explained by Treasurer Katie. Based on what we budgeted, we are \$48,734 in arrears YTD. Discussion followed regarding our actual financial picture – we have several accounts with money in them. Some accounts have restricted funds, and some accounts have unrestricted funds. Our finance meetings go into further detail regarding our total assets/total liabilities. Moved by Finance Committee and seconded by Linda to approve the finance report summary as submitted. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Vestry Clerk – Lisa Blank was visiting tonight to see if she might be interested in the Vestry Clerk position. Holly Kitchell is still thinking about whether she would be interested.

Property Boundary Issues – Stewart expressed his disappointment with the attorneys we hired to assist us with this issue. Stewart told the attorney two weeks ago we were ready to proceed with the letters. Followed up last week and still no reply. This issue is on hold until the attorney responds.

Vestry phone calls – We should continue to make phone calls to our parish members.

Stewart will send us an email that includes the vestry member's wish list for Trinity separated by category. Please Review and reflect and we will discuss at our next meeting. These topics might lead to good discussions in our phone calls.

The Walrus and the Carpenter – poem read by Stewart. Is it time to discuss whether the vestry should meet once a month rather than twice a month? Discussion followed. It was decided not to make any changes now; topic tabled for discussion later.

Reports:

Jr. Warden

There is a pile of mulch in church yard – thanks to Mark Johnson for removing some tree branches and chipping them to use as mulch for our trees, gardens, etc. The air conditioner that was making noise has now been fixed. Blinds have been ordered for parish hall and library; Home Depot will be measuring Thursday morning. Jan posed the question regarding what is being done with extra roofing tiles. Patricia explained we are looking for possible buyers.

Sr. Warden

Stewart asked our guests if they had anything to add. Herrick commented on the financial report that reduced expenses means reduced ministry. How can we build up our ministry programs to draw new members? Stewart asked Herrick if he had any suggestions or ideas; his idea is to open our doors and remove the mask mandate, so we appear welcoming. We should trust the Lord will take care of us. He is concerned we are lagging while the rest of the world is already moving forward.

Karoline reported that as of August 1, we will no longer need to make reservations to attend church. A postcard will be mailed on Wednesday to all parishioners and there will be a notice in the e Pistle on Wednesday as well. Karoline also asked the Vestry members to assist with Rev. Lisa's installation by preparing appetizers and cookies. She sent us an email with suggestions and asked that we respond to her and everyone else on the email as to what we will bring. She will also need our assistance in serving and refilling plates during the reception.

Barb feels we need to improve our communication; a good example is the sound system in the library wasn't working well during this vestry meeting. In reference to rebuilding our ministries, she believes parishioners need to feel trusted, cared for, and valued. We can move ahead if we are all valuable assets to one another. Barb suggests that we have members who are currently involved in a specific ministry reach out to other parishioners they think would serve well in that role. She also believes we should not move to meeting once a month.

Meeting adjourned by Stewart at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Springer, Interim Clerk