

Trinity Episcopal Church

Greeley, Colorado

Vestry Minutes

September 27, 2023

Present: Stewart Abbot, Lisa Blank, Bob Brunswig, Jim DeMersseman, Margaret Grant, Judy Gregory, Linda Haley, Mark Johnson, Sean Miller, Rev. Lisa Musser, Linda Springer, Patricia Streeter

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM.

Linda Haley provided the meditation "Strength from Stillness".

Linda Haley also requested that we read the prayer attributed to Saint Francis in lieu of The Lord's Prayer.

Additions to Agenda

Jim DeMersseman - Want to discuss new scheduling ideas

Linda Haley - Want to discuss Brite White

Consent Agenda – including August 22 minutes, August 29 electronic vote and August financial report

August 22 - Various spelling corrections and punctuation were discussed. Moved to approve by Jim DeMersseman and seconded by Bob Brunswig. Passed with unanimous approval.

August 29 - Clarification re negotiations between Rev Lisa, Diocese - Cannon Vanessa, and Stewart Abbot; spelling corrections; addition of wording "finance scenarios" to report referring to conversations regarding parish meetings. Moved to approve by Linda Springer seconded Margaret Grant. Passed with unanimous approval.

Treasurer Report - Stewart Abbot/ Rev. Lisa

Pledge \$24,994

Plate \$2749

Total 27,433

Rental income seems large as some was paid in advance for balance of this year and part of 2024. Also some expenses reflect payments that are made for varying periods of time (such as quarterly payments).

Negotiations continue with the Greeley Chamber Orchestra regarding rental charges. They have indicated that they will be able to increase their contribution. Stewart Abbot will continue with the negotiations.

We are in the process of continued review of office expenses. Discussion continued with questions about specific line items as well as recommendations for anticipated increases for 2024.

The finance committee has approved the report and forward to the Vestry. Mark Johnson moved to accept report and Patricia Streeter seconded. Report unanimously accepted.

Discussion

Stewart Abbot discussed his tabulation of Parish comments from the Parish Meeting. His feeling from the review was that they were representative of the Parish views, concerns and questions. Judy Gregory thanked Stewart for his work and use of the information in a productive manner. There have been no comments from the Parish to date other than thanks for the efforts.

Stewart will meet with Dan Franz from the Chamber Orchestra and Jim DeMersseman requested that he be included in the meeting. Dan has indicated that they would offer \$2000. for building use and \$500 for piano tuning.

Question was asked that we request information regarding number of performances, rehearsals, etc. Suggest that we present to Dan Franz the outline of rental costs for their space usage as previously outlined and approved by vestry. Further discussion indicated that it had been presented.

Service Planning

Thanks to Jim DeMersseman for accepting responsibility for scheduling service Ministries. In the future the Lector will be one person rather than two.

Jim is meeting with Sabrina to retrieve emails, services, etc. for future planning. Christmas week will still need to be planned. The "Ministry Scheduler" is a program which reports/ reminds participants and will be helpful to use.

Judy Gregory has additional schedules for Ministries.

Stewart asked someone from Vestry to Coordinate office. Judy Gregory and Margaret Grant volunteered.

Stewardship planning - Jason and Margaret Hurley will assist. Linda Haley has already started preparing printed materials.

Judy Gregory and Linda Springer emphasized that time and talent cards should reflect our needs for specific staff replacement responsibility needs.

Brite White

Linda Springer reported that Shawn Woolworth is ready to volunteer to clean the church every other week. It was decided that Stewart and Linda Springer will meet with Shawn

to determine scope of work. Suggestion was made that October would be a transition time between Brite White and Shawn. Plan to transition Brite White out by having them to work every other week.

Front Range Region Grant application

Stewart has prepared an application for a \$6000 grant from the Front Range Region. If funded, it would cover half of Megs salary. A Vestry resolution is needed to proceed. Stewart presented this as a motion. Jim DeMersseman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Stewart has developed a new phone line for Pastoral Care. Sandy Torres and Fr. Bill Kindel will cover calls. The number is 970-400-7462.

Future Service Schedule

Canon Vanessa 10/8; Fr. Scott Turner 10/15; Morning Prayer 10/22 & 10/29; Fr. Scott Turner November and early December.

Sarah LaMotte Resignation letter

Stewart circulated Sarah LaMotte's resignation letter as Treasurer of the Vestry.

Junior Warden Report

There are new flags across back field - they must have been placed by Day Spring.

Crows continue to tear up grass outside of Rachel's window.

Rev. Lisa Report

Rev. Lisa expressed thanks for Sunday evening dinner following Holy Commotion. She also expressed thanks for the liturgy prepared and presented by Lisa blank.

Rev. Lisa encouraged us to continue policy of not hiring parishioners for jobs in the church.

Patricia Streeter announced move

Patricia announced that she will be here for only two more Vestry meetings. She is moving to Longmont to be near family. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Vestry.

Stewart Abbot adjourned at 7:55 PM

Stewart closed with a reading from Ogden Nash and from closing remarks from the Presiding Bishop's message last week

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Streeter, Clerk of the Vestry