

Trinity Episcopal Church

Greeley, Colorado

Vestry Minutes

July 25, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

Stewart Abbot led the Vestry in prayer.

Correspondence:

A card of thanks from Andy Slaughter, Slaughter Roofing, was read. Andy thanked us for our business in the recent repair of our roof. In addition, he expressed praise for the service and dedication of our Vestry.

Consent Agenda

- * Minutes from 6/27/23 (as corrected), two electronic votes and the June 2023 Financial Report were approved. Motion to approve by Mark Johnson and seconded by Linda Springer. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

- * Librarian Update Linda Haley reported that research reveals that very few individuals are using the library. Requests for a volunteer Librarian have resulted in no response. Please, no additional donations at this time.
- * Roof Update Mark Johnson reported that Jeff at Independent Roofing has completed repairs to the joining of two roof areas. At the last construction/repair the flashing was not correctly installed. This has now been corrected and leaks appear to have stopped.

Rev. Lisa questioned if Independent Roofing should go forward with any new issues. There remains a leak in the hall by the vestry board and in the Chapel. Additional issues in the chapel include buckling of the drywall in the ceiling and potential mold issues under wet area. Mark was unaware of these additional problems and will address them with roofers.

- * Diocesan Convention October 5 - 7
Rev. Lisa will request volunteer delegates from the Parish in the Epistle and in church when she returns.

- * Endowment Update - To be presented to the Finance Committee at their next meeting.
- * Additional Parking for Kitchell funeral Due to the large anticipated crowd we will need to use our grass area in the lot to the rear of our paved parking. It was determined that it is safe from fire to park on the grass. Linda Haley offered the services of her husband Bernie to assist in parking direction.
- * Financial Status/ Stewardship Stewart Abbot continued the discussion regarding the urgent need to resolve Trinity's finances. He urged that we can't continue on our current path. Although we have funds available to complete this year, our income/cost profile cannot continue.

Linda Haley and Stewart discussed announcing a Parish Meeting after the service on September 10 with a follow up meeting September 17 for additional questions and comment. There was agreement about the dates and plan.

It was agreed that there would be an vestry working meeting on Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30 in the Library. Jason Deselms from the Finance Committee will be invited to join us. Linda Haley, Judy Gregory and Linda Springer will meet to work on some suggestions to be presented to the Vestry prior to the September 10 Parish meeting.

Reports:

Treasurer - Sarah LaMotte

Pledge - \$20,762.
 Plate - \$4212.
 Misc Income - \$1460.
 Total Revenue - \$26,434.
 Total Expenses - \$33,705.
 Deficit for month - \$7272.

Junior Warden - Mark Johnson

- * Fire inspectors have inspected and determined that we need to replace fire/smoke detectors. New equipment has been ordered and received. The detectors still need to be installed. They made additional requests to Wee Love's area with resulting requests to Wee Love.
- * The Pre school is installing new shelving. Mark suggested that some of their overflow supplies could be placed in basement.

Senior Warden - Stewart Abbot

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Rector - Rev. Lisa Musser

- * 9:30 Service - Going well. Former 8:00 service worshipers are enjoying seeing others.
- * Sabrina will be reducing some hours and taking a pay cut to insure that she can still meet income requirements to qualify for her health insurance. (Independent of insurance from Trinity.)
- * Backpack blessings will be August 20 at the 9:30 service
- * Single service considerations. Rev. Lisa continues to receive positive feedback regarding the single 9:30 service. She is encouraging input from parishioners.

In Parting - Stewart Abbot

Ogden Nash
The Camel

Adjourned 8:18 PM

Dates

Blessing of Backpacks Sunday, August 20 9:30 Service

Daughters of the King Luncheon - 10:45 Sunday, August 20

Tuesday Evening Contemplative Prayer First and Third Tuesday 6-7 PM
Chapel

Parish Meetings 10:45 AM September 10 and September 17

Finance Committee Wednesday August 16 5:30 PM Library

Vestry August 22, 2023 6:30 PM Library

Diocesan Convention October 5 - 7

Respectfully submitted
Patricia Streeter, Clerk of the Vestry