

Trinity Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Present:

Stewart Abbot, Senior Warden
Mark Johnson, Junior Warden
Julie Matt, Clerk
Judy Gregory – term ends 2024
Bob Brunswig – term ends 2024
Linda Springer – term ends 2024
Lisa Blank – term ends 2025
Margaret Grant – term ends 2025
Linda Haley – term ends 2026
Sean Miller – term ends 2026

Not Present with Notice:

Jim DeMersseman – term ends 2025

Also Present:

Ray Quick
Rachel Thompson, Trinity Bookkeeper
Shawn Woolworth

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Stewart

Visitor Recognition

Ray Quick
Shawn Woolworth

Discussions

Organ Maintenance Agreement

Ray doesn't believe the vestry needs to sign the agreement this year because additional work is coming in February and that cost is wrapped up in what is being paid for by Norm Lyster, which covers restoring the transposer to the organ. Ray explained the function of the organ and its history. Ray is going to pay \$1,000 toward the cost of the maintenance agreement for 2025. The total cost of the restoration was just over \$422,000.

Cleaning Helper Plan

Shawn Woolworth has 12 "families" who will clean the church weekly on a rotating basis. Shawn will do scheduling and training. Judy and Shawn will devise and post a list of expectations for people who are using the facilities and for those who are providing treats after church. Shawn will continue working on this project and will make an announcement at church.

Potluck

Judy reports that people have been asked to bring whatever they'd like to bring to share for the December 3 potluck. Judy and Glenn will be putting up tables on Saturday. Stewart will wash dishes.

Business

Mark moved to accept the minutes from October 24, 2023, as submitted, Linda H. seconded. **Motion carried.**

Financial Report

Rachel submitted a written report and supplemented it with a verbal report. The maintenance last year on the organ was around \$2500. \$252,000 has come in year-to-date from pledges and \$56,000 from the plate year-to-date. Bob moved to accept the Financial Report as submitted, Lisa seconded. **Motion carried.**

Supply Priest

Scott Turner will be our supply priest through Easter, March 31, 2024.

Pledges

To date we have pledges amounting to \$306,000.

Finance Committee

Patricia Streeter resigned from the Finance Committee. Linda H. moved to accept her resignation, Bob seconded. **Motion carried.**

Jordan Miller volunteered to stand on the Finance Committee. Judy moved to appoint Jordan Miller to the Finance Committee, Linda S. seconded. **Motion carried.**

By consensus, the next Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19th.

The bylaws discussion is tabled to the next meeting.

Roundtable

Lisa informed everyone that Holy Commotion will not be celebrated on December 31 and an Epiphany party is scheduled for Saturday night January 6, 2024, for the whole parish. This will include a bonfire of discarded Christmas trees, a potluck chili dinner with wassail and a Kings cake, and other Epiphany traditions. She also discussed the Sunday school break. She has concerns about decreasing the number of people on vestry.

Bob is fascinated with Fr Scott's sermon techniques and is really enjoying his presence with us.

Julie intends to distribute the minutes the morning following our meeting and will hang them on the bulletin board on the Sunday following vestry meetings.

Linda H. wonders about new vestry members. She urges that we need to create the eligibility list. She wonders if the Finance Committee is creating the 2024 budget. Stewart says they will help begin that process. Anyone can join the meeting.

Stewart applied for and received a grant from the Front Range Region for \$6,000 which was for a half-year's salary for the children's minister.

Judy wonders where we are on snow removal expenses because Glenn is willing to help in that regard. Fr. Turner has a band. They auditioned and were accepted at a bar in Loveland. Judy would like to see some of us go to support his band.

Margaret passed along that a parishioner has complained about applause after the sermon.

Sean was reflecting that he's appreciative of the way the change is happening at Trinity since Lisa's departure but is concerned that the sense of urgency will dissipate.

Mark reported that a motor was purchased at the suggestion of Tra Mar for \$2,000. Mark is investigating purchasing a snowblower and/or getting a group of men to shovel. Mark will contact Glenn Gregory and Craig Shenkenberg and work toward getting that accomplished. He will continue to follow up on that and will continue to investigate. Going forward the parking lot people will come to remove snow on the parking lot at a 3-inch snowfall.

Stewart closed by reading *The Gentleman's Lady's Maid*, Ogden Nash. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Dates to remember:

November 29 – Finance Committee

December 3 – Potluck

December 19 – Vestry Meeting

January 6 – Epiphany party

January 28 – Annual Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Matt, Vestry Clerk