

Trinity Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
May 17th, 2021
Zoom Video Meeting at 6:00 PM

Members in attendance: Rev. Anne Weatherholt, Linda Guest, David Gum, Pat McMillan, Greg Janes, Phil Steptoe, Ann Hill, Colleen Tucker, Mary Ann Rogers, Marjorie Christie, Peggy Whetzel, Absent: Peter Brewster and Leslie Jones. Guest: Cathy Ruley

Phil Steptoe, Senior Warden called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for being able to video conference.

Rev. Anne Weatherholt led the devotions.

- I. Rector's Report: Rev. Anne Weatherholt advised the Vestry that this will be her last Vestry meeting with Trinity. She stated that her time at Trinity has been a gift for the last year. That the work the Vestry does as a team is with a good example of leadership and is remarkable. She wants the Vestry to continue to pray for the new candidates and for the new rector when he or she is call to Trinity. Covid has tested and strengthened Trinity. She advised the Vestry on several key points for Norborne Preschool and Daycare center. There have been challenges but they have been stabilized and are more transparent. This has resulted in greater care to the staff and to the students. The Director Gerry Earle has resigned and his last day will be May 28th, 2021. The Assistant Director, Kenya resigned and her las day will be May 21, 2021. They will be searching for a new director while the Board will be handling anything they may need. They still do not have financials to share. Christine Grimes, the treasurer of the Board, will be working on these reports. They have received a \$25,000.00 summer program grant. They will be hiring a friend of Rev. Anne's to do bookkeeping.
- II. Search Committee: Linda Guest informed the Vestry on the Search Committee's updates. Any Vestry questions were answered.
- III. Minutes: The Vestry meeting minutes for April 19th, 2021, were presented to the Vestry for approval. Several typographical items need to be corrected and a motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Greg Janes. The motion was seconded by Mary Ann Rogers subject to changes. The Vestry minutes were approved as amended by all members of the Vestry with the exception of Colleen Tucker voting nay.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Lisa Miller presented the financial reports for April 2021. Lisa Miller explained the finances for the month of April: Operating revenues were down at \$15,049.50 and expenses were also down by \$15,289.53 with a deficit of (\$240.03). Questions by Pat McMillan were answered by Lis Miller regarding the online giving expenses and what we can do to increase the revenue to offset the expenses. Lisa Miller also advised of the EWVCF Funds which are to be updated for distribution of spendable funds each year. Per the Vestry, they advised to roll over the distributions once again into the EWVCF fund's account. We will not take the 2021 Grant Fund Spendable income from the accounts. These Funds are the Myrtle Schneiderhan fund and the Trinity Angel fund. Ann Hill motioned to accept the financials for April 2021 subject to audit. Greg Janes seconded the motion. The financials were accepted unanimously by the Vestry.

- V. Senior Warden's Report: Phil Steptoe started his report of the regathering of the church. Phil stated that "there will be a national and Diocese policy change." Berkeley County is now in the orange zone. People are being vaccinated. Phil advised that the Vestry would have a new vote on regathering by email and that Trinity will reopen on Pentecost Sunday if the vote is unanimous. Trinity will still have to abide by the Bishop's restrictions. Wednesday Morning Prayer will restart also if there is a unanimous vote.
- VI. Junior Warden's Report: Greg Janes advised the Vestry that the Chapel's stained-glass windows are being worked on and that there were a few additions to the repairs. He has spoken to the company, and they will be doing the additional work without extra charges. The parking lot right-of-way project is continuing to be handled by the Trustees. The renovation planning of the lower level is progressing. Clarification and details of the estimates are still being reviewed. The Fire Marshall advised that a fireproof door leading out to the courtyard with a push bar should be installed. Pat McMillan motioned to raise the approved cost of the project to \$33,000.00 to cover any additional costs and David Gum seconded the motion. The motion to increase the project to \$33,000.00 was approved unanimously.
- VII. New Business: Linda Guest advised on the status of the Blessings Box. This community project has videos on their website to view regarding this ministry. A donation suggestion for the box is batteries.
- VIII. Stewardship and Evangelism Committee; will be meeting via Zoom.
- IX. Executive Session: The Vestry broke out into an Executive Session, Rev. Anne Weatherholt excused herself from the meeting at this time. Greg Janes motioned for the executive session and Marjorie Christie seconded the motion. The Executive session was to determine the gift for our departing Interim Rector. Rev. Anne's last Sunday with Trinity will be on May 31, 2021. The Vestry discussed a purse for Rev. Anne Weatherholt. Phil Steptoe advised the Vestry that he felt an amount of \$5000.00 would be appropriate. Pat McMillan offered to purchase a "Blenko" glass decanter with a value not to exceed two hundred dollars. A motion to accept the \$5,000.00 purse and Blenko glass gift was placed by Greg Janes and seconded by Colleen Tucker. The motion for the gifts were unanimously accepted by the Vestry. Greg Janes motioned to move out of the Executive Session and David Gum Seconded the motion.
- X. Closing: Phil Steptoe motioned to adjourn the Vestry meeting. This was seconded by Greg Janes. Phil thanked the Vestry's willingness to attend the meeting and for their commitment to Trinity.
- XI. The next Zoom meeting will be held on Monday, June 21st starting at 6:00 pm.
- XII. Respectfully submitted by Lisa Sorrentino-Miller, Clerk of the Vestry on May 17th, 2021