

Trinity Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes

November 15th, 2021

ZOOM MEETING

6:00 PM

Members in attendance: Rev. Georgia DuBose, Linda Guest, Pat McMillan, Greg Janes, Phil Steptoe, Marjorie Christie, Mary Ann Rogers, Peter Brewster, Ann Hill, David Gum, and Colleen Tucker.

Absent: Peggy Whetzel and Leslie Jones

Guest: Cathy Ruley

Phil Steptoe, Senior Warden called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for being able to attend. Phil and Mother Georgia led the devotions.

- I. Rectors Report: The Rev. Georgia DuBose stated that she would like to improve communications especially emergency procedures and calendar planning. The Advent letter to the congregation was mailed and Rev. Georgia will be doing a weekly scripture or reflection for the E-tempo. She asked the Vestry if they had any wishes for Advent. There was a discussion about the Adult Forum and First Wednesdays. Rev. Georgia and the core group will do a further investigation.
- II. Senior Warden's Report: Phil Steptoe started his report with a Covid-19 update. Trinity is open and following the Bishop's guidelines.

Church music has been completed by the Worship Committee. Morning Prayer will be held the last Sunday in November. Christmas Eve will have one Service starting at 7:30 pm, Christmas Day will have a community service at 10:30 am, led by Paster Rufus Burton. Sunday's (Christmas 1) celebrant will be Rev. Ralph.

New Vestry Nominees are Cathy Ruley and Jason Stedman. Peter Brewster is remaining for another term. Ann Hill is also nominated for Treasurer. These nominations will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in January 2022, along with the recommendation that the Vestry will be made up of nine members instead of twelve.

Phil informed the Vestry of the updated investment figures.

- III. Search Committee: No updates at this time.
- IV. Minutes: The Vestry meeting minutes for October 2021, were presented to the Vestry for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Greg Janes. The motion was seconded by Pat McMillan subject to changes. The Vestry minutes were approved as amended by all members of the Vestry with the exception of Colleen Tucker voting nay.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Lisa Miller presented and explained the financial reports for October 2021. The Operating revenues were up at \$23,982.00 and expenses were steady at \$13,957.00. Questions were answered by Lisa Miller. Greg Janes motioned to accept the financials for October 2021 subject to audit. Ann Hill seconded the motion. The motions were accepted unanimously by the Vestry.

- VI. Junior Warden's Report: Greg Janes advised that the listed items have been or are still being completed. There are no real changes in the status. The lower-level project has started and is moving along. One issue that we have, is the extra cost of a beam that had to be placed in the Sunday School room that was enlarged. Other increases are replacement of Norborne's' bathrooms toilets and hanging of a plaque. Trinity will be billed separately for all the extras. There is a new problem involving the kitchen range. Issues are the two ovens, and the temperature varies. Options are being weighed as we speak. Any additional expenditure will be made by an email vote. All of the Vestry's questions were answered.
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. Stewardship and Evangelism Committee: We have received 27 pledges at \$108,944.00.
- IX. Closing: Rev. Georgia DuBose ended the meeting with prayers. Phil Steptoe motioned to adjourn the Vestry meeting. This was seconded by Greg Janes. Rev. Georgia thanked the Vestry's willingness to attend the meeting and for their commitment to Trinity. She then gave her blessings.
- X. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 20th, 2021, starting at 6:00 pm.
- XI. Respectfully submitted by Lisa Sorrentino-Miller, Clerk of the Vestry on November 16th, 2021