

Trinity Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes
October 18th, 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, Peggy Whetzel, Ann Hill, David Gum, and Colleen Tucker.

Absent: Leslie Jones and Peter Brewster

Guest: Cathy Ruley and Brad Cole

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

- I. Rectors Report: The Rev. Georgia DuBose reviewed the minutes and the Letter of Agreement and wishes to have the last Sunday of each month off. Trinity can do Morning Prayer or get supply for that Sunday. Trinity will make changes to the schedule.

Rev. Georgia questioned the Vestry regarding changes to the By-Laws, especially changing the consecutive two terms limitation for Vestry members. She advised that the new Rector will be able to properly make the necessary changes, back to two consecutive terms and reverse any other changes to the By-Laws. These changes were temporally made due to Rector leaving and Covid -19 pandemic.

Rev. Georgia hopes to help with any transitions and to connect with all the parishioners.

- II. Senior Warden's Report: Phil Steptoe started his report with a Covid-19 update. Berkeley County is in the Red Zone. Trinity is open and following the Bishop's guidelines. Church service times are in question, a decision will be made when the number of parishioners attending the services are observed over a period of time. Vestry nominees- Jason Stedman was asked and is considering the nomination. Trinity would have to change the meeting date for Jason to be able to attend. The meeting will be moved to the second Monday starting 2022. The current Vestry has twelve members and Trinity has six members coming off at the end of 2021. Trinity's by-laws allows for Trinity to change the number of members from 12 to 9 members. A motion was placed to change the number of Vestry members to nine by Colleen Tucker. David Gum seconded the motion to change the Vestry number to nine members. The vote was unanimously approved by all attending members of the Vestry. Rev. Georgia is requesting a computer to use while she is working at Trinity. The church will purchase a computer for the use by the Rectors. A motion to purchase a computer ranging from \$500-\$1000.00 was place by Greg Janes. The motion was seconded by Pat McMillan. The motion was approved unanimously. Phil informed the Vestry of the updated investment figures.
- III. Search Committee: No updates at this time.
- IV. Minutes: The Vestry meeting minutes for September 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 Mary Ann Rogers subject to changes. The Vestry minutes were approved as amended by all members of the Vestry with the exception of Pat McMillan voting nay.

- V. Treasurer's Report: Lisa Miller presented and explained the financial reports for September 2021. The Operating revenues were down at \$12,688.00 and expenses were steady at \$17,341.00. Questions were answered by Lisa Miller. Greg Janes motioned to accept the financials for September 2021 subject to audit. David Gum seconded the motion. The motions were accepted unanimously by the Vestry.
- VI. Junior Warden's Report: Greg Janes advised that the listed items are still being completed and there are no real changes in the status. The lower-level project will be starting next week. Questions were answered.
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. Stewardship and Evangelism Committee: Brad Cole did an update of the campaign "Every Perfect Gift" including the guest speakers on each Sunday. Several letters will be mailed along with pledge cards. Things should run smoothly as they did last year.
- 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, November 15th, 2021, starting at 6:00 pm.
- XI. Respectfully submitted by Lisa Sorrentino-Miller, Clerk of the Vestry on October 19th, 2021