Vestry Agenda of Trinity Church

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| Date of Meeting: | | **February 25, 2019** | |
| Location: | | **Trinity Church, Newtown, CT** | |
| **Attending:** Rick, Jack, Carrie, Patrick, Laurie, Dennis, Gordon, Leon, Connie, Moe, Hope, David, Beth | | | |
| Meeting items for discussion | | | |
| **7:00 –  7:20** | **As a Community of Theological Imagination** | |  |
|  | Dwelling in the Word (1 Corinthians 12-31a) –Praying | | Carrie |
|  | Notes: Themes of unity and building on individual strengths. How the weaker are indispensable, honor to the lesser members, speaks to how we support those in the congregation those that are in want or need. | |  |
| 7:20 – 8:20 | **Doing the fiduciary work of the Church** | |  |
| 1. | Consent to the minutes of the January 2019 vestry meeting | | Beth |
|  | **Notes:** Beth owes the Vestry the minutes of the January meeting. | |  |
| 2. | Consent of January Treasurer’s Report | | Pat |
|  | **Notes:** Patrick typically reports on the report as previously presented to the Finance Committee meeting, with any needed revisions. Patrick sends to the Vestry ahead of time, so the Vestry can bring any questions they may have to the meeting for Patrick to answer. Patrick walked us through the different reports.  The Treasurer’s Report was approved. | |  |
| 3. | Approve 2019 Parochial Report | | Laurie/Dennis |
|  | **Notes:** The Parochial Report is an annual report submitted to the ECCT by every parish summarizing data from the prior year. Our income reported for the prior year determines our ECCT pledge for the coming year. Since the pastor needs to sign off on this and Jenny is on leave, Patrick has let the ECCT know that we wish to wait for Jenny to return.  **NEW TOPIC:** Many thanks to Carrie and Kate for filling in so well while Jenny is out. Dennis and Laurie have met with Jenny and during their conversation they decided that it would be best for her to return after Easter. Jenny will communicate this in an e-Newsletter this Thursday to the Parish. We may need to reschedule our meeting with Jack Gilpin until Jenny returns.  Proposed moving our April meeting to April 10 to avoid holding our Vestry meeting during Holy Week. | |  |
| 4. | Formation of a Safety Committee | | Dennis |
|  | **Notes:** This first came out of a meeting that Forry and Dennis attended about Active Agressors. We’ll begin to solicit members for this committee from the Parish. Especially looking for specific skill sets, EMTs, police, etc. | |  |
| 5. | Distribution of keys, building walk-thru (if time allows), distribution of Vestry contact list | | Dennis/Laurie |
|  | **Notes:** | |  |
| 6. | Review/change meeting times   1. Property—first Monday 2. Finance—second Monday 3. Parish Life—fourth Wednesday every other month, March 27 is the next meeting 4. Mission & Outreach—first Tuesday 5. Worship—TBD 6. Christian Formation—third Thursday 7. Vestry—third Wednesday 8. Youth—moving target, but meeting | | All |
|  | **Notes:** | |  |
| 7. | Safe Church Training | | Laurie/Dennis |
|  | **Notes:**  Everyone but Patrick is due for safe church training. Hosting a safe church training in the fall at Trinity or register on line at a current session. | |  |
| 8. | ECCT Spring Training | | Laurie/Dennis |
|  | **Notes:** At Berlin high school on April 27. Do a group registration. Email me with your class selection and let me know if you are or are not attending.  TABLED THE REST OF OUR AGENDA | |  |
| 8:20 – 8:50 | **Forming Disciples and Apostles in God’s Mission** | |  |
| 7. | Revisit Vestry Covenant   * Five marks of mission * Sustainable goals | | All |
| 8. | PIC Goal 2—need something formal in preparation for March Vestry meeting with Jack Gilpin  Within 12 months, ensure that our activities are aligned with the Parish mission and goals, are relevant today and clearly communicated to the parish and local community.  To accomplish this we will:   * Inventory and document all our current activities * Evaluate and recommend what we should focus on as a parish, including identification of any gaps or redundancies * Develop a platform to concisely communicate our key programs and activities which will define Trinity’s Brand * Create, execute, a communication plan | |  |
| 8:50 –  9:00 | **Fed by Word and Sacraments** | |  |
| 9. | Compline | |  |
| Connected to the Wider Body of Christ | | | |

*IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:*

*Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.—Vestry meeting with Rev. Jack Gilpin*

*Saturday, April 27, 2019—ECCT Spring Training – Meriden*

**Brainstorming List:**

**Items from July Meeting:**

* Could we sponsor trash disposal on Main Street, would be especially helpful for dog walkers.
* The Fire Department needs volunteers, are there ways we could help, aside from becoming firefighters?
* Where are we on our four goals. Put updates on our August agenda. For example, where are we going with our “small groups.” What is happening organically? Where are we “stuck.”

**Items from August Meeting:**

* Creating a place on the website for the Vestry and posting the minutes in the e-news each month

**Items from September Meeting:**

* As we look to celebrate our 150th anniversary, should we look more broadly to include the rest of the Main Street community.

**Items from October Meeting:**

* Renting an ice cream cart and serving the community to invite them in to Trinity.

**Items from November Meeting**