Vestry Agenda of Trinity Church

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| Date of Meeting: | **April 10, 2019** |
| Location: | **Trinity Church, Newtown, CT** |
| **Attending:** Jack, Gordon, Carrie, Laurie, Dennis, Hope, Beth, Patrick, Connie, David |
| Meeting items for discussion |
| **7:00 – 7:20** | **As a Community of Theological Imagination** |  |
|  | Dwelling in the Word: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 | Carrie |
| 7:20 – 8:50 | **Doing the fiduciary work of the Church** |  |
| 1. | Consent to the minutes of the March 2019 vestry meeting | Beth |
|  | Notes: Approved by consent. |  |
| 2. | Consent of March Treasurer’s Report | Pat |
|  | Notes: Patrick did confirm there will be $5,000 moved over from capital funds and that the May insurance payment was made in April and won’t need to be made again. Approved by consent. |  |
| 3. | Special Easter Collection and Offering | Dennis |
|  | Notes: The Easter collection designation for flowers versus music has been about 50/50. Looks like folks are splitting their previous year contributions in half. People need to call Kim in the office and indicate if they want flowers given as a memorial or celebration by Tuesday so it can be included in the bulletin. We will put a sheet out at the Brunch this Sunday so people can make designations.Approved the Mission and Outreach designation of Dorothy Day House for the Easter offering. |  |
| 4. | San Jose scholarship funds request | David |
|  | Notes: There is money in the budget to support this effort. We have received some biographical information on the students we are subsidizing, as well as thank yous that they sent at Christmas. The students are doing well and are all in good standing. The community opted to split the funds among all five students who are attending university, so each received $480 toward their $1,200 annual cost. At the end, the students are expected to give back to their community in one way or another. The Companion Parish Committee sees this as something they would like to continue.  |  |
| 5. | Jenny’s return | Laurie |
|  | Notes: Jenny is returning on Friday, April 26. Her first Sunday will be the 28th. Jenny has been working out of the house on quite a few things: providing supervision for Cate: paperwork for our new Curate position, including screening applications and interviewing for that position; she served as chaplain for the icon writing workshop; to name just a few. She is “itching” to come back. We will start her pay up again as of April 13th. The Vestry gave their mutual consent.It is Jenny’s 20th anniversary of her ordination to the priesthood this month. We plan to celebrate her return to us and her ordination anniversary on t April 28, her first Sunday back, with a special reception following the service.* Laurie will talk to Don about music, and/or maybe Barbara Chamberlain could write a piece of music.
* Hope will ask Jean Maurice to arrange a cake and other items using the $300 budget that the Vestry approved for this purpose.
* Laurie will see if our policy allows for a toast.
* If a toast is allowed, Dennis will provide the champagne.
* Carrie will find out what non-alcoholic beverage Kim got, and will ask ifone of the bishops could write a letter. Carrie will also have a prayer/blessing.
* Idea of purchasing a gift card for a Spa day.
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| 6. | PIC Forum – June 9th (Pentecost and Breakfast Sunday) | Dennis |
|  | Notes: Want to engage the congregation in where we are with the PIC process. June 9th looks like the best available date and having it be Pentecost and Breakfast Sunday is a plus for attendance. We will set the agenda for a 15-minute presentation to share the timeline and what the next steps are at our April meeting. We will allow time for questions and present where we are with the goals. We need to identify a sub-team to partner with Laurie and Dennis to work through some questions with Jenny as part of our discernment process. That group will then report back to the Vestry as a whole. If you are interested in being part of this group, email Laurie this week. |  |
| 7. | Apostles and Disciples (Wait until Jenny returns) | Dennis |
|  | Notes: We’ll wait to follow up on the different ministries until Jenny is back, as she has some ideas around this.  |  |
| 8. | Upcoming dates, Holy Week Schedule | Dennis |
|  | Notes: Holy week is covered. The full schedule is posted on the website. |  |
| 9. | Executive Session |  |
|  | Carrie has really stepped up with a very positive attitude. She has had to deal with some major pastoral issues and has and grown and stretched during this time. The Vestry recommended that we recognize Carrie with a cash award of $1,500. |  |
| 8:50 – 9:00 | **Fed by Word and Sacraments** |  |
| 9. | Compline |  |
| Connected to the Wider Body of Christ |

*IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:*

*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**