Vestry Agenda of Trinity Church

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| Date of Meeting: | | **August 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** | |
| Location: | | **Trinity Church, Newtown, CT** | |
| **Attending: Jenny, Matt, Leon, Jack, Laurie, Moe, Hope, Gordon, Dennis, Connie** | | | |
| Meeting items for discussion | | | |
| **7:00 –  7:15** | **As a Community of Theological Imagination** | |  |
|  | Dwelling in the Word | | Jenny |
|  | Notes | |  |
| 7:15 – 7:45 | **Doing the fiduciary work of the Church** | |  |
| 1. | Consent to the minutes of the July 2019 vestry meeting | | Beth |
|  | Notes: Approved by Consent | |  |
| 2. | Consent of June and July Treasurer’s Report | | Patrick |
|  | Notes: Approved by Consent | |  |
| 3. | Approve 2018 Audit | | Hope |
|  | Notes: Approved by Consent | |  |
| 4. | Stewardship Update | | Hope |
|  | Notes: Presented Stewardship program and dates. Program will start with October breakfast and end November Breakfast. Keep it short and sweet with focus on message of Time and Talent. Program and printing will be driven internal to keep the cost low.  Vestry requested the stewardship process to include forecast or targeted expense to be shared with the parish as a financial goal. Requested stewardship to consider avoiding using the old terms of Time, Talent and Treasurer | |  |
| 7: 45 –  8:30 | **Forming Disciples and Apostles for God’s Mission** | |  |
| 5. | What are you hearing and how are people doing? | | All |
|  | Notes: Received positive feedback on the Laundry of Love and positive in the parish.  Discussion and reflections about how do Trinity takes care of our own in the area. Highlighting how we have outreach to outside of Newtown, but there are areas and people around our parish that could use help. Active discussion about possibly driving this as an area of additional conversation in the broader church and outreach. | |  |
| 6. | Follow-up on August 17 PIC discernment conversation | | All |
|  | Notes:  Jenny provided update on the Discernment conversations that took place on Aug 17th. She highlighted it was very good conversation as it called out both the positive and negatives over the past couple of year. As the meeting progressed, Jenny informed the discernment team that she felt her next calling would be to retire and spend more time with her family. Jenny will be on vacation through August 25th so a parish-wide letter will be sent on Monday, August 26th as the first official notification.  Motion (Leon) was raised and seconded (Gordon) to transition Jenny from Provisional Priest in Charge(PIC) to Interim PIC to July 1st, 2020. The motion was approved by full Vestry consent. She will Interim PIC role and operates in a support role providing preparation and readiness for Trinity to call a new rector.  Jenny provided some high-level points on the process and timing for the search process. However, Lee Ann Tolzman ECCT will be at Trinity for special meeting on September 12th with Vestry. The Sunday following that meeting additional details will be shared with the Parish. Jenny said there would also be open discussions on Breakfast Sunday, Sept 8th. The ECCT and Jenny have high confidence that Trinity is in the right place to call a new rector and fully expects the process to be completed by her retirement. Oct 5th will be special Vestry meeting from 9 – 12 to discuss discernment planning. | |  |
| 6 | Update on formation plans for the fall:   * Adults * Youth * Families with young children | | Jenny Matt |
|  | Notes: Jenny discussed the off-site at Camp Washington with Kate and Matt  Adult update Jenny   * Fall session on reflecting and healing discussions * Bible Study will resume on Saturday mornings lead by Floyd Higgins and Joe Glaze * Women’s retreat is coming up * Adult formation will halt for the fall as we further plan out the program and leadership structure   Youth update Matt   * Building on Godly Play and working through with Mentors to help think of ways to bring the youth into the broader view of how they fit in the wider church. Working with our youth to walk the way of love as the they progress through confirmation and pilgrimage. Work to help the youth to see how they have the power and imagination to shape how they engage. * Older youth (9 – 12 yrs old) meeting with continue on monthly meetings and resume on Sept 15 | |  |
| 7. | Review Newtown Holiday Festival plans | | All |
|  | Notes: Frozen will be the theme for the Holiday event.  Trinity will be the house for Edible Treat judged event, judges will be from Trinity  Theme will be Love is putting someone else’s needs ahead of ourselves  October 18th will be a special event working through IRIS to conduct presentation about immigration process in America  Labor Day parade, Moe is looking for volunteers to help with lemonade the day of the parade. She will be here at 8:30 that day to setup and looking for assistance | |  |
| 8: 30 –  8:45 | **Appreciations, Regrets and Learnings** | | Hope |
|  | Notes: | |  |
| 8: 45 –  9:00 | **Fed by Word and Sacraments** | | All |
|  | Pray for One Another | |  |
|  | Compline | |  |
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*IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:*

Monday, September 2—Newtown Labor Day Parade

Thursday, September 12 – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Vestry meeting with Lee Ann Tolzman

Saturday, September 21, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.—Safe Church Training

Saturday and Sunday, October 26-27—2019 ECCT Annual Convention – Hartford Convention Center

\*\*All parishes asked to worship at 11am on this Sunday at Convention Center

Saturday, December 7—Apostles and Disciples Teaching with The Rev. Tim Hodapp –

Sunday, December 8—Newtown Holiday Festival

**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**