Vestry Agenda of Trinity Church

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| Date of Meeting: | | **July 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** | |
| Location: | | **Trinity Church, Newtown, CT** | |
| **Attending: Jenny, Moe, Rick, Dave, Beth** | | | |
| Meeting items for discussion | | | |
| **7:00 –  7:15** | **As a Community of Theological Imagination** | |  |
|  | Dwelling in the Word | | Carrie |
|  | Notes | |  |
| 7:15 – 7:45 | **Doing the fiduciary work of the Church** | |  |
| 1. | Consent to the minutes of the June 2019 vestry meeting | | Beth |
|  | Notes: Approved by assent via in-person and email. | |  |
| 2. | Consent of June Treasurer’s Report | | Patrick |
|  | Notes: Approved by assent via in-person and email. | |  |
| 3. | Approve 2018 Audit | | Hope |
|  | Notes: Move approval of 2018 Audit to August agenda. | |  |
| 4. | Stewardship Update | | Hope |
|  | Notes: Move to August agenda. | |  |
| 7: 45 –  8:30 | **Forming Disciples and Apostles for God’s Mission** | |  |
| 5. | What are you hearing and how are people doing? | | All |
|  | Notes: People are sad to see Carrie go, but understand and are excited for her next stage in her career. | |  |
| 6 | New Curate’s LOA | | Jenny |
|  | Notes: Already signed by Wardens, but we need to get Vestry assent, so please vote by email as soon as possible.  Most of the letter of agreement is required language from ECCT. The language that we have control over is Responsibilities and Expectations section, which Jenny based on what Carrie did as well as what she foresees Trinity needing in the coming year. All present voted in favor, so we only need one more affirmative vote via to send to the Bishop for his signature.  Approved via in-person vote and email. | |  |
| 7. | Announcing and Welcoming new Curate | | All |
|  | Notes: Matt’s first Sunday will be August 4. Consider doing Sundaes and order individual scoops from Ferris. Or potentially lemonade on the lawn. Jenny and Moe will decide. | |  |
| 8. | IPRR—special offering collection | | Jenny |
|  | Notes: Carol Bigman contacted Dave. She has been involved in the interfaith group working on refugee resettlement. The first two families who were sponsored have moved on to areas with a larger Congolese population. The IPRR wants to contribute to the sponsorship of a new family and are asking their members for financial support.  Jenny remarked that there seems to be a pattern emerging as we discern the future direction of our parish. There is now a group within ECCT who is interested in raising funds to assist children at the border and Trinity has been asked to host a conversation along with IRIS.V  Those present voted in favor of Mission and Outreach taking the lead, including making a contribution to IPRR for family sponsorship and those present approved providing the Parish with the opportunity to contribute as individuals by putting envelopes in the pews. | |  |
|  | NEW: Bart is willing to chair the Worship planning group, that would meet probably quarterly to plan the various seasons of Worship and the Worship for the 150th celebration.  NEW: Jenny met with Amy and Geoff to discuss plans for the 150th celebration. There are plans to share more with the Vestry and Parish in September | |  |
| 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

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**