Minutes of the Vestry of Trinity Church

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| Date of Meeting: | **September 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** |
| Location: | **Trinity Church, Newtown, CT** |
| **Attending:**  |
| Meeting items for discussion |
| **7:00 – 7:15** | **As a Community of Theological Imagination** |  |
|  | Dwelling in the Word: Luke 10:38-42 (Mary and Martha) | Jenny |
| 7:15 – 7:45 | **Doing the fiduciary work of the Church** |  |
| 1. | Consent to the minutes of the August 2019 vestry meeting | Beth |
|  | Notes: Approved by consent. |  |
| 2. | Consent of July and August Treasurer’s Report | Patrick |
|  | Notes: Approved by consent. |  |
| 3. | Approve motion to change names on Curate Discretionary Fund at Union Bank | Hope |
|  | Notes: The Vestry moved to switch the name on the Curate Discretionary Fund at Union Bank from Carrie Combs to Matthew Babcock. Moved by Laurie, seconded by Leon and approved unanimously. |  |
| 4. | Discuss budgeting/stewardship process for 2020 | Hope |
|  | Notes: Year to date budget vs. actuals have been circulated. October 11 is the due date to submit 2020 budgets to Finance. Kick off for Stewardship will be 10/20, Stewardship moments will begin in November. Stewardship will wrap on November 24. |  |
| 5. | Discuss 2020 Vestry Pledges | All |
|  | Notes: Have the Vestry pledges all in by 10/20, along with their Mad Lib responses so those can be shared with the parish. |  |
| 7: 45 – 8:30 | **Forming Disciples and Apostles for God’s Mission** |  |
| 5. | What are you hearing and how are people doing? | All |
| 6. | Update on 150th Celebration – Geoff Dent | Geoff |
|  | Notes: Amy and Geoff reported out on their work. The purpose of the event should be a celebration that invites the community to celebrate with us. Focus on the May 2 weekend when the Bishop is here.  |  |
| 10. | Set date for Annual Meeting (bylaws now allow for date other than 3rd Sunday in January) | All |
|  | Notes: Set for January 26, 2020 |  |
| 8: 30 – 8:45 | **Appreciations, Regrets and Learnings** | Hope |
| 8: 45 – 9:00 | **Fed by Word and Sacraments** | All |
|  | Pray for One Another |  |
|  | Compline |  |
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*IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:*

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

Sunday, September 22 - Sacred Conversations begin following worship

Saturday, October 5, 9am-Noon – Special Vestry Meeting

Sunday, October 20 - The Rev. Lee Ann Tolzman to preach, preside, and present forum on

 Trinity a year from now plus the Kick-off of 2020 Stewardship Campaign

Sunday, October 27 - Worship at 11am on this Sunday at the Hartford 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**