Vestry Agenda of Trinity Church

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| Date of Meeting: | **October 16, 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** |  |
|  |  | Jenny |
| 7:15 – 7:45 | **Doing the fiduciary work of the Church** |  |
| 1. | Consent to the minutes of the September 2019 vestry meeting | Beth |
|  | Notes: With the addition of January 26 for the Annual Meeting, the minutes were approved. |  |
| 2. | Receive Vestry 2020 pledges | Hope |
|  | Notes: The Vestry pledges for 2020 are all in. |  |
| 3. | Update on 2020 budgeting process | Hope |
|  | Notes: The proposed 2020 budget keeps the pledging flat and assumes fund distribution form the Johnson and General funds at 4.5% resume. For M&O and Parish life, the 2019 budgets were used as placeholder. The music budget was reduced by $10,000. $6,000 was added for the 150th Year Celebration and $6,500 to fund the Rector Search (4 trips, consultant and Website), as well as $10,000 for moving expenses for the new Rector based on ECCT recommendations. Our Youth Grant ends in June 2020, and we will need to make up for that for July through December 2020. There was discussion around Youth Funding. We need to make sure that the budget and how “Youth” activities are named so that they accurately reflect our ministries. For example, there is no church school, even thought that line item exists. A question for future discussion is how to fund for the approximately $27,000 in “one-time” expenses and Hope will bring that to Finance.  |  |
| 7: 45 – 8:40 | **Forming Disciples and Apostles for God’s Mission** |  |
| 4. | What are you hearing and how are people doing? | All |
|  | Notes:  |  |
| 5. | Follow-up on Sacred Conversations | All |
|  | Notes: It is obvious that these conversations are needed.  |  |
| 6. | Follow up from Transition Meeting with Jack Gilpin—Identify team members:* Discernment: Sue Roman as Chair, Hope Johnson, Rick Irving, Cory Benson, Forry Weatherby, Michelle Toby, and Floyd Higgins, youth representative.
* Recruitment: Cindy Andereau as Chair, Leon Kervalis, Patrick DeBrock, Jenna and Jack W., Bob Hirou, Ellen Melville (conditionally), and Bart Geissinger
* Prayer, Hospitality

Laurie moved to approve the above names to serve on the discernment committee. Dennis seconded. Approved unanimouslyThe final slates were emailed to the vestry and were unanimously approved. | All |
|  | Notes: |  |
| 9. | Reminder of Sunday October 20th worship, kick-off, and forum | All |
|  | Notes: |  |
| 10. | Discuss Saturday, December 7 9am-3pm - Apostles and Disciples Teaching with The Rev. Tim Hodapp (is this relevant to who God is calling Trinity to be?)  | All |
|  | Notes: Postpone this until early next year, but continue to socialize this structure with the Parish and have conversations about this. Consider asking Tim to attend the Vestry Retreat.  |  |
| 12. | Discuss Vestry vacancies 2020—Clerk (Beth is moving), Hope is moving in June, does Patrick want to continue as Treasurer? Mo’s term is expiring. Laurie and Jenny will look at the terms that are available. Set Vestry informational meeting date Set Vestry/Staff Advent Party – Sunday, December 8th 5:30pm Discuss Vestry Retreat 2020—postponed setting date until later | All |
|  | Notes: |  |
| 8: 40 – 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:*

Friday, October 18 7:30pm - Immigration: The Facts Explained – Newtown Forum at Trinity

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**