

Vestry Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, April 21th, 2021 - 6:30 PM - ZOOM

Attending: Rev. Andrea Wyatt+, Cindy Anderau, Noel Bellesheim, Patrick DeBrock, Gordon Dunn, Rebecca Filiato, David Lias, Dennis O'Connor, Sue Roman, Gloria Rowley, Dorothy Schmidt, Fory Weatherby

Opening Prayer – 6:30 – 6:35 A version of Psalm 63

Doing the Fiduciary Work of the Church 6:35 – 6:55

- Consent of the March Vestry meeting Minutes presented by Dorothy Schmidt. Approved.
- Consent of April 11 Special Parish Meeting Minutes presented by Dorothy Schmidt. Approved.
- Consent of March Treasurer's Report presented by Noel Bellesheim. Approved.
- Report from Finance Commission - Leon Karvelis (unable to attend)- The Finance commission is working on an addendum for the Finance Handbook. A new team of people is needed to focus on Stewardship.

Forming Disciples and Apostles in God's Mission 6:55 – 8:00

New Business 6:55 – 7:10

- Spring Training ECCT – A link was sent to Vestry with 7 videos of the ECCT Spring Training Resources. Rev. Andrea recommended viewing "Plenary- Parish Life After COVID: Psychological & Theological Reflections."
- A farewell to Dennis O'Connor is planned for Sunday April 25th. Vestry members shared many memories and expressed thanks and well wishes to Dennis and Cory as they prepare to retire to California.
- AA Inquiry About Resuming Meetings in Church- It was recommended that AA use the same criteria that we are using to re-open the church, when Newtown is out of the red zone.
- 11:15 Chapel in the Garden- In case of inclement weather, it was recommended that a notification to cancel the service should be posted on the church's website and on Facebook by Sunday morning.
- Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew – Update on team and initial gathering- A team of at least 8 people has been formed including Karen Wojtowicz, Frank Brill, Christina Lye, Nancy Cole, Jean-Maurice Calmels, David Lias, Sue Roman and Rev. Andrea. The team spoke with church groups from North Carolina, California, Connecticut, and Maryland. They met in large and smaller groups. They established Zoom skills and standards. An inquiry will be made as to whether a non-Trinity member is needed to join the team to help engage with the neighborhood.

Parish Life/Stephen Ministry – Cindy Anderau 7:10 – 7:20 An invitation to join the Trinity Care Team was in the e-news. Four opportunities to serve are outlined: provide meals, provide rides, check-in calls, and prayer groups. An informational meeting will be on May 25th at 7pm. The team will meet the 4th Tuesday of each month. Training will be provided. Membership and Fellowship is set aside for now, but ideas are welcome. For Stephen Ministry, 5 new people will be trained.

Mission and Outreach – David Lias 7:20 – 7:30 An updated chart of Outreach partnerships was provided, listing each organization, its description, and how Mission & Outreach supports it. To publicize these activities and encourage more volunteers, it was recommended to submit the chart on the e-news or on the church website under the serve tab.

Report on Christian Formation, Youth Commission – Cathy Filiato (unable to attend)
7:30 – 7:40 Senior Sunday is planned for June 6th to honor our 4 high school seniors. A hike is planned for all youth, and possibly their families, for May, led by Peter Anderau. There is hope for a Fall confirmation, but bishop availability is unknown due to COVID related delays.

Worship Commission – Patrick DeBrock 7:40 – 7:50 Worship is in a planning stage. Representatives from Worship, Tech Guild, Music, Alter Guild, Chalice ministers, Lectors, Acolytes, and Ushers need to come together to make worship planning and restructuring effective.

Property Commission – Gordon Dunn 7:50 – 8:00 The current tenant at the Curate House will sign for the next 6 months (May-October). Kim Merrill has been trained to program the key fobs. They are ready to be distributed, and keys that are no longer needed will be collected.

Regarding re-opening, when the red zone changes to orange on a Thursday, it was decided that indoor, in-person services would start one week later to allow time to schedule ushers and make preparations. Parishioners will need to sign up on Event Brite so maximum capacity is not exceeded and to allow for contact tracing.

8:00 Closing Prayer by Rev. Andrea