

Vestry Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, January 19th, 2021 - 6:30 PM - ZOOM

Attending: Rev. Andrea Wyatt+, Cindy Anderau, Noel Bellesheim, Patrick DeBrock, Cathy Filato, Sue Roman, Dorothy Schmidt, Forry Weatherby, Bob Gardner

Opening Prayer – Rev. Andrea- Prayer for Social Justice, from BCP, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Doing the Fiduciary Work of the Church

- Consent of the December 2021 Vestry meeting – Dorothy Schmidt- Vestry approved.
- Consent of December 2021 Treasurer's Reports – Noel Bellesheim- Vestry approved. Total year income was \$569.3K. Total year expenses was \$556.4K, leaving a \$12,900 surplus.
- Updates from Stewardship Team – Noel-Bellesheim- One pledge unit on Vanco was revised to an increased amount.
- Report from Finance Commission – Patrick DeBrock- The investment funds have done well and continue to grow. The surplus income from 2021 has been placed in a fund for 2022 to be used to support planned initiatives. The Parish Budget Meeting had a small turnout but provided answers for parishioner's questions.

Forming Disciples and Apostles in God's Mission

New Business

Annual Meeting of the Parish January 23, 2022, 11:00 AM – on Zoom

The annual meeting will be held by Zoom this year.

Thank You to Departing Vestry Members: Forry Weatherby, Gordon Dunn, and Dorothy Schmidt

Slate of Nominees

Warden - Robert Gardner

Clerk – Tom Swetts

Membership – Jessica O'Meara

Property – Patrick Corrigan

Someone is needed for Mission & Outreach, as well as 2 delegates to convention

Question from Interfaith Partnership for Refugee Resettlement (IPRR)-

The Vestry was asked to consider making the Curate House available for a refugee family, as two new families are being re-settled in the area. It was discussed that a refugee family would be welcome while also making sure we did right by the current tenant. Further discussion will take place with other commissions and the IPRR.

Grant for Guest Preachers and Speakers- A parishioner has offered a \$1,200 donation for guest preachers and speakers. It would allow for speakers who bring a wider body of experiences and would also give Rev. Andrea some relief from writing a sermon every week. The Vestry approved to accept the grant of \$1,200 to be put in a fund restricted to paying for guest preachers and speakers.

Communication from Geoff Dent- an email was sent to Vestry regarding Geoff's concern for the declining numbers at Trinity over the years. He has proposed spending from the endowments to engage a marketing group. The vestry noted that outreach into the community is important and cited current strategies to promote Trinity including our website, e-news, livestream, coverage in The Newtown Bee, and The Genesis II program. There was not support for a large, paid marketing because the returns would be small.

Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew – Sue Roman- The Genesis II team continues to meet as a group and with a national group, including a church in Frederick, MD. They are receiving access to many resources and strategies including the art of invitation and how to focus on assets. How do you find out about people's hidden talents and give them opportunities to put them into service? The next micro-strategy will involve invitation.

Property Commission – Gordon Dunn Gordon was absent, but Rev. Andrea shared that some plumbing was done at the rectory.

Christian Formation, Youth Commission – Cathy Filiato- The book study hosted by Cindy Anderau for *The Time is Now -a Call to Uncommon Courage* by Joan Chittister, had 11 people join on ZOOM for the first session which went well. The content is challenging, interesting and unsettling. It was requested that the book study be offered as a hybrid (ZOOM and in-person) going forward, which was approved with the proper safety precautions.

Nancy Cole's program, *Praying in Color*, is scheduled for January 30th, 10:45-11:45 AM on ZOOM. Nancy was concerned that the art instruction wouldn't work well over ZOOM and is considering changing it to in-person.

For Children's Ministry, Rev. Andrea suggested that she and Cathy Filiato plan a team meeting for parents and others interested in the Children's Ministry position, put together an agenda, draft a job description, and plan how to advertise the position.

For Youth, the visit to Chapel on the Green was successful. A 5K Run/Walk for Refugees is planned for Youth and families on February 13th in New Haven at Wilbur Cross High School. Youth will be collecting items for Valentine care packages, and mailing them to college students. Valentines for Troops will also be collected to send to CT military.

Trinity Care Team/Stephen Ministry – Cindy Anderau- The two new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned this spring. Training has been approved for 2 new Stephen leaders. An evaluation of the program will take place this year. The intercessory prayer team plans to invite others to join their monthly meeting.

Closing Prayer- Cindy Anderau