

Vestry Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, March 16,, 2022 - 6:30 PM – ZOOM and In Person

Attending: Rev. Andrea Wyatt+, Cindy Anderau, Noel Bellesheim, Patrick Corrigan, Patrick DeBrock, Cathy Filiato, Jessica O'Meara, Sue Roman, Tom Swetts

Opening Prayer – Rev. Andrea – Psalm 21 and discussion from chapters 1-3 of “Unabashedly Episcopalian”

Andrea announced that there would be a memorial service for Randy Lewis with a luncheon following on April 8th at 11:00

Doing the Fiduciary Work of the Church

- Consent of the February 2022 Vestry Meeting – Tom Swetts – Vestry approved
- Consent of February 2022 Treasurer's Reports – Noel Bellesheim – Vestry approved. Pledges were getting back on track with distribution of envelopes. Unpledged income is at 130% of what was expected with 10 families giving regularly. Most budget items are under budget except for Parish Utilities and Community and World Ministries which are slightly over budget.

New Business

- **Delegate to Convention** – Sue Roman was elected to serve as the parish's delegate to convention in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.
- **Spring Training by ECCT** – The diocese is offering multiple leadership training courses via Zoom. Many of the vestry had already signed up or are planning to do so.
- **Ukraine Interfaith Service** – It was announced that there will be an interfaith service for Ukraine on Sunday March 20 that Trinity will be hosting.

Forming Disciples and Apostles in God's Mission

- **Mission and Outreach** – The commission requested that the money from the Easter collection go to the International Rescue Committee. The vestry asked the committee to consider that it be split between a local and world charity which has been the practice in the past.

- **IPRR** – Rev. Andrea – The Interfaith Partnership for Refugee Resettlement, a Newtown-based multifaith organization, is exploring being brought in as a ministry of Trinity so they can operate as a tax-free charitable group. The leaders of IPRR will meet with the vestry at a later meeting to discuss.
- **Lenten Conversations** – Rev Andrea – The series of conversations “Loving God’s Creation: Faith Community and Climate Disruption” are continuing and include many people outside of Trinity. There are 32 people involved.
- **Stations of the Cross** – Rev. Andrea – There will be three more times available to attend the stations of the cross on Wednesdays at 5:30. The theme is “Praying for God’s Creation” and is held outdoors on the labyrinth.
- **AT&T Cell Tower** – Noel Bellesheim – There was little to report except that things are progressing slowly as we wait for AT&T to come back with plans.
- **Trinity Care Team/Stephen Ministry** – Cindy Anderau – Two new Stephen ministers were installed, giving us now six ministers. The ministers are continuing their education with training in Advanced Christian Care Giving. In the spring the program will be evaluated. The Care Team continues to make social visits and the prayer group meets on Saturday. The calling team has connected with 13 people.
- **Genesis II** – The group continues its project on how to make Trinity more welcoming, especially focusing on the building and grounds.
- **Membership** – Jessica O’Meara– Lanyards for church attendees have been replaced with write-on name tags. There is a new member gathering on April 3rd. There is discussion about being involved in the Newtown Art Festival, opening the church on Halloween and on Labor Day for the parade.
- **Property Commission** – Patrick Corrigan –
 - **Curate House** - The lease with the current tenant on the Curate house will expire on April 30th and a letter to terminate the lease has been sent to the renter.
 - **EV Charging Stations** There is 53 million dollars available thru state grants to install EV charging stations. Geoff Dent has offered to write a grant

through his company for Trinity at no charge. Details are being worked out and more information will follow.

- **Christian Formation, Youth Commission** – Cathy Filiato –The first Sunday of the next three months will be Youth Sundays with youth serving as ushers and lecturers. The youth will help with the planned Property cleanup day. There is a pasta dinner fundraiser for Ukraine planned for May 14th and a hike for June 12th. The search continues for a Christian education director.

Closing Prayer - *Compline* – *Patrick Corrigan*