

Vestry Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, November 17th, 2021 - 6:30 PM - HYBRID

Attending: Rev. Andrea Wyatt, Cindy Anderau, Noel Bellesheim, Patrick DeBrock, Gordon Dunn, Cathy Filiato, Sue Roman, Dorothy Schmidt, Forry Weatherby

Opening Prayer 6:30 – 6:40 Rev. Andrea, Litany for Thanksgiving, BCP

Doing the Fiduciary Work of the Church 6:40 – 7:20

- Consent of the October Vestry meeting – Dorothy Schmidt- approved.
- Consent of October Treasurer's Reports – Noel Bellesheim-approved.
The month to date income was \$69.4K with expenses at \$38.8K, and we are in a surplus position going into November.
- Report from Stewardship Team – Noel Bellesheim- Pledge units have increased from 65 units last year to 72 units this year. 16 people have increased pledge; 6 have reduced; 2 pledges are new; and 5 pledge units have left. A total of \$244,460 is projected at this point.
- Development of 2022 Budget – Patrick DeBrock- For the 2022 Budget, currently our expenses exceed our total revenue by \$59,843. Various options are being considered to offset the deficit. The budget will be reviewed again in December along with any additional pledges.

Forming Disciples and Apostles in God's Mission 7:20 – 7:55

Nominating Committee 7:20 – 7:25 Gordon Dunn is finishing his term on Vestry. Rev. Andrea asked for a nominating committee to be formed, and for other members to let her know if they don't plan to continue on Vestry.

Upcoming Opportunities 7:25 – 7:30

- Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Methodist Church – 5 PM November 21
- Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew – Open Sanctuary – Saturday, November 27 4:30 PM- Sue Roman- For Genesis II's next 90-day micro-strategy, there will be a 90-minute Open House in the Sanctuary to offer sacred space to those who are grieving due to Covid. An article has been placed in *The Newtown Bee* and signage will be placed outside.
- Trinity Tuesday Evenings in Advent

Tuesday, November 30 - Advent Candlelight Service of Evening Prayer @6:30 PM.

Tuesday, December 7 – Advent Taize Candlelight Healing Service @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 14 – Newtown Interfaith Candlelight Service of Remembrance @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 21 – 'Longest Night' Candlelight Solstice Service @ 6:30 PM

- Newtown Youth and Family Services – Festival of Trees – December 5th and Trinity Lessons and Carols 2 pm

- Waterbury Symphony December 11 – 7 PM
- Youth and Mission & Outreach - Chapel on the Green - December 19th

Christian Formation, Youth Commission – Cathy Filiato 7:30 – 7:40 For Adult Formation, Nancy Cole's program, Praying in Color, will begin in January. Cindy Anderau is planning a new book discussion on a Joan Chittister title. Noel shared that Youth held a drive-by Food Drive in the church parking lot. There were not as many participants this year, as the Faith Food Pantry has been doing their own monthly drive-by donations. Youth did a tour of the Food Pantry.

Trinity Care Team/Stephen Ministry – Cindy Anderau 7:40 – 7:50 There are 2 more sessions for the 2 Stephen Minister candidates. There will be a commissioning in January. The Care Team made 18 calls in October and 17 in November. Cookies were packaged and delivered. Six people are certified to drive with Safe Church training.

Property Commission – Gordon Dunn 7:50 – 8:00 The Curate House tenant has signed a new 6-month lease through April. There was a heating issue in the church. An electrical box near the driveway by the steps needs to be fixed and a security camera is needed for the gazebo area. It was also suggested that the sign in front of the church should have Rev. Andrea's name, the church hours, and the virtual service website added to the sign.

Strategies for Public Safety in Worship- Rev. Andrea has a call into the police department to do community safety training.

Closing Prayer 8:00 Rev. Andrea