

Vestry Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, March 17, 2021 - 6:30 PM - ZOOM

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

Opening Prayer – David Lias 6:30 – 6:35

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

- Consent of the February Vestry meeting presented by Dorothy Schmidt. Approved.
- Consent of revised Annual Meeting Minutes presented by Dorothy Schmidt. Approved. There was discussion of returning to the practice of posting the minutes on the church's website, redacting any confidential information, and with no password protection. Sue Roman offered to work on it with Kim Merrill.
- Consent of February Treasurer's Report presented by Noel Bellesheim. Approved.
- Report from Finance Commission presented by Leon Karvelis: Work has begun on stewardship and the budget to create a new set of assignments due to personnel changes. A new protocol is being worked out to account for unplanned and unbudgeted capital and operating expenses.

Forming Disciples and Apostles in God's Mission 6:55 – 7:55

New Business 6:55 – 7:10

- Motion for Easter Special Offering: David Lias, on behalf of the Mission and Outreach Team, motioned that Trinity Church donate the Easter Special Offering to the Women's Center of Greater Danbury. Its mission is to serve the needs of individuals, families, and the community with prevention, crisis intervention, and support services with regard to domestic violence, sexual assault, and other major life crises. Motion approved.
- Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew: After much discussion and feedback of the Genesis II presentation, the Vestry agreed to move forward with filling out the application to join the Genesis II program.

Discussion for Re-Opening – Rev. Andrea discussed the need to review our re-opening guidelines, perhaps pulling a team together for this purpose. Dennis offered to work with the Worship Commission to look at the Bishop's and State's current guidelines and to review and re-draft our plans.

Worship Commission – Patrick DeBrock is travelling this week.

Parish Life/Stephen Ministry – Cindy Anderau 7:10 – 7:20 Cindy would like to group the Hands of Christ, Pastoral Care, Emergency Prayer Chain, and Stephen Ministry together as they are similar as ministries of caring. She would like to separate out Membership and Fellowship and find someone else to lead those 2 groups. She asked for information about the first 3 groups and who was involved with them in order to learn their missions, what worked well, and what

didn't. Cindy will reach out to the names that were suggested. Stephen Ministry would like to submit a quarterly report, rather than monthly. Rev. Andrea is now a Stephen Minister. Six new candidates have been recruited to start training.

Mission and Outreach – David Lias 7:20 – 7:30 There's a lot going on with this dedicated group of people that is probably not well known. David would like to spread the word a little more. He is also contacting people in the non-profit field to see if there are other programs of interest to Trinity Church.

Report on Christian Formation, Youth Commission – Cathy Filiato 7:30 – 7:40 Adult members will meet to brainstorm ideas of what people are looking for in adult formation as well as a whole new children's ministry. The Youth Commission is doing Kiva loans and making hygiene kits for Chapel on the Green. They are planning a hike, a firepit activity, delivering pansies to shut-ins, and planning Senior Sunday. They have also been reading and video recording stories for younger children.

Property Commission – Gordon Dunn 7:40 – 7:50 The Curate House is available for the next 6 months and the current tenant is interested in staying. New LED lights have been installed in front of the church. Property Clean-Up takes place on 3/20. For the fob system, training needs to be done for those managing the system, and we will need to start the transition process of returning exterior keys and exchanging them for fobs.

Special Parish Meeting will be held Sunday, April 11th at 11:00 AM to vote for a warden, Forry Weatherby, to fill Dennis' soon to be vacated position.

Appreciations, Regrets, Learnings

7:55 – 8:00 Closing Prayer - Rev. Andrea, Saint Patrick's Breastplate