

Vestry Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 - 6:30 PM - HYBRID

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

Opening Prayer 6:30 – 6:40- Cindy Anderau

Guest – Don Wismann 6:45 – 6:55 Don explained his budget request for 2022 of \$31,485. He said the largest part is the 4 paid section leaders. They are a big support for the soprano, alto, tenor, and bass sections from September to June. Another budget item is a string quartet for Christmas Eve, and brass players for Easter.

Doing the Fiduciary Work of the Church 6:55 – 7:15

- Consent of the September Vestry meeting – Dorothy Schmidt- approved.
- Consent of September Treasurer's Reports – Noel Bellesheim- approved.
- Report from Stewardship Team – Noel Bellesheim- Pledges have been coming in, about 35-40 pledges so far. Last year there were 66 pledges. A reminder will be placed in the e-news and follow-up calls will be made.
- Development of 2022 Budget – Patrick DeBrock- A first draft of the 2022 Budget was shared. A final budget will be submitted in December for Vestry approval, followed by approval at the annual meeting in January. The first draft of the budget has a deficit of \$40,000-45,000. Income from investments and from Trinity Day School are budgeted higher than last year. The expenses budgeted higher than last year at this point are music, Stephen Ministry, communications, Vestry for Genesis II initiatives, and the added staff positions of a children's leader and a nursery attendant.

Forming Disciples and Apostles in God's Mission 7:15 – 7:35

New Business

- Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew – Public Labyrinth Event Recap- Sue Roman- The labyrinth event on the autumnal equinox for the general public went beautifully. A wide range of people attended including 13-14 people from the community. There were some very moving conversations. An invitation was publicized in the Bee and signs were placed. Permanent signage will be made. It was successful as a chance to try something new, to push out into the community, and meet new people.
- Strategies for Public Safety in Worship- Rev. Andrea has consulted with authorities about what to do if there is someone with erratic behavior in the church. We will develop and communicate a plan.

Property Commission – Gordon Dunn 7:35 – 7:40 Property clean-up took place on October 16th. Larry will be painting the gazebo. The Fire Marshall inspected the building and there were no issues. The Curate house tenant will renew the 6-month lease starting on Nov. 1st. New closet doors will be ordered for the Johnson Room.

Trinity Care Team/Stephen Ministry – Cindy Anderau 7:40 – 7:45- Two Stephen Minister candidates are in training and 2 decided to drop out. There are 5 sessions left out of 18. The Care Team has a meal request. The team will create bags of cookies for about 12 people to let them know they're thinking of them. Phone calls are taking place. Rides to church may be needed by a parishioner. The prayer teams are going well. The team is hoping to reincorporate prayer cards.

Christian Formation, Youth Commission – Cathy Filiato 7:45 – 7:55- For Adult Formation, Cindy Anderau is leading a discussion on the book, *Radical Spirit: 12 Ways to Live a Free and Authentic Life* by Joan Chittister. It is about Benedictine spirituality and the 12 rules of humility. Nancy Cole is interested in presenting a program called Praying in Color which involves art and prayer. A job description is being created for the new youth coordinator. Scaffolding and set-up for the Great Pumpkin Challenge is planned for October 24th. Pumpkins and donations will be accepted from the public. The youth will be partnering with Mission & Outreach in November to do a drive-by food drive, and on December 19th they will go to Chapel on the Green in New Haven

Other Business:

-What to do about masks? If Newtown is in the orange or red zone, masks will be required; if in the yellow or gray zone, masks will not be required.

Closing Prayer - Rev. Andrea