

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

Attending: Rev. Andrea Wyatt+, Noel Bellesheim, Patrick DeBrock, Gordon Dunn, Cathy Filiato, Rebecca Filiato, Leon Karvelis, David Lias, Sue Roman, Gloria Rowley, Dorothy Schmidt, Forry Weatherby

Opening Prayer – 6:30 – 6:40 *Turning to One Another* written by Margaret Wheatley

Doing the Fiduciary Work of the Church 6:40 – 6:55

- Consent of the April Vestry meeting minutes presented by Dorothy Schmidt- Approved.
- Consent of April Treasurer's Report presented by Noel Bellesheim- Approved.
- Report from Finance Commission presented by Leon Karvelis- Noel Bellesheim will be the chairperson for the Stewardship Committee for 2022. The committee would like suggestions for a theme. Leon presented *Procedure Policy for Purchasing and Accounting for Capital Items* for Vestry approval as an addendum to the Finance Handbook. – Approved.

Forming Disciples and Apostles in God's Mission 6:55 – 8:00

New Business 6:55 – 7:15

- Pentecost! 3 Ways to Gather! On May 23, 2021 at 9:30 AM, doors will open for indoor, in-person worship! The service may also be attended virtually. There will also be an outdoor garden service at 11:15 AM. Masks will not be mandated and people will be allowed to sit where they want. Only the bread will be offered for Communion. No temperature check, no sign-in, or pre-registering. Offertory plate will be passed. For the Peace, people may greet as they are comfortable.
- Trinity and outside groups, such as AA, will resume meetings in Church. Efforts are being made to set up Zoom capabilities in the Johnson Room for those not yet ready, or able to be in the building.
- Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew – A team of 8 people is meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 4pm to virtually gather with groups from 2 other states around the Episcopal Church. Teams are being coached, and assignments have been given to interview folks, facilitating conversations within the congregation. The local team of 8 will brainstorm ideas for an experiment they may carry out.
- Update on Key Fobs presented by Forry Weatherby- With a detailed plan provided, Forry highlighted that on July 1st, key fobs will go into effect for the glass doors at rear of building. The regular key lock will be disabled. The basement door/entrance to elevator will have a new code for the key pad entrance. Side doors to the driveway will be exits only. Key fobs and code should be obtained from Kim Merrill, if needed.
- Invitation and Welcome Team- We're looking to recruit members to create a new Membership Team- those who are good at inviting and welcoming newcomers.

Trinity Care Team/Stephen Ministry – Cindy Anderau 7:15 – 7:20

In Cindy's absence, Rev. Andrea reported that the Stephen Ministry Team has recruited 5 new Stephen Ministry candidates. Reference checks, interviews and in-depth training will be taking place for the new members before they are paired with a care-receiver. Cindy has merged the "Hands of Christ" group and "Pastoral Care" group into a new group called the Trinity Care Team. She has recruited 20 people to serve on the team and they will begin meeting next week.

Mission and Outreach presented by David Lias 7:20 – 7:30

The Easter offering brought in contributions of \$1,008 which was donated to the Danbury Women's Center. More recruits are needed to help at Dorothy Day Hospitality House. Sue suggested adding more details of how to volunteer on the homepage of the Trinity website.

Report on Christian Formation, Youth Commission presented by Cathy Filiato 7:30 – 7:40

A hike is planned for Sunday (5/23) for youth and entire church, led by Peter Anderau. Details are in the e-news. Senior Sunday will be in-person on June 6th. Sue Roman is working on the video but someone is needed to project it. The Youth Commission is looking to recruit new parents. For Adult Formation, a book group for *The Church Cracked Open* met 4 times with in-depth discussion. There is interest in more study group options, perhaps more racial justice events and movie screenings. Nancy Cole has volunteered to lead a group.

Worship Commission – Patrick DeBrock 7:40 – 7:45

No new information at this time.

Property Commission presented by Gordon Dunn 7:45 – 7:50

The commission is determining whether to extend the lease at the Curate House to the current tenant. The gazebo roof is getting replaced. There were 2 bids for the work. Fiberglass cedar shake was recommended for about \$4800. Regular wood shingles would be half the cost but would not last as long. An Eagle Scout fund of about \$1200 can be put toward the cost. The Property Commission is seeking approval from the Vestry for the fiberglass roof shingles-approved. Eagle Scout Adam Bowditch has previously done work on the gazebo interior. The boiler was recently repaired for about \$7,000. New lines for the parking lot were recently repainted. Repairs to the church roof are holding up well.

New Business

Patrick suggested we have new name tags ordered for new Vestry members or those who have different roles. He also inquired as to whether we should update or remove the You Tube site for Trinity as it only has 6 old videos. Leon asked about replanning the 150th anniversary of the church. We would need to get the old planning team together to look into it.

8:00 Closing Prayer by Rev. Andrea- A prayer for peace for those in conflict in the Middle East, from *Compline Service, BCP, p134*