

## **Vestry Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, August 18th, 2021 - 6:30 PM - ZOOM**

Attending: Rev. Andrea Wyatt+, Cindy Anderau, Noel Bellesheim, Patrick DeBrock, Gordon Dunn, David Lias, Sue Roman, Forry Weatherby, guest, Larry Coleman

**Opening Prayer – 6:30 – 6:40 – Patrick DeBrock**

### **Doing the Fiduciary Work of the Church 6:40 – 7:10**

- Consent of the June Vestry meeting presented by Dorothy Schmidt, approved
- Consent of June and July Treasurer's Reports presented by Noel Bellesheim, approved
- Report from Stewardship Team presented by Noel Bellesheim- A communication letter and packet are being put together to be sent out on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The Vestry is encouraged to make their pledge during our next Vestry meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>. As commissions meet, members will be encouraged to pledge as well.
- Development of 2022 Budget and Calendar presented by Patrick DeBrock- A timeline for the development of the 2022 budget was provided as well as a template for a Ministry Plan and Resource Needs for 2022. Members of the Finance Commission will serve as budget buddies to the budget planners of each commission, assisting them with the process. The budget should be finalized with Vestry approval by the end of December.

### **Forming Disciples and Apostles in God's Mission 7:10 – 7:20**

#### **New Business**

- Bishop Ian Douglas will be coming to Trinity September 19<sup>th</sup> for Confirmation, Baptism, and our first Breakfast Sunday. He would like to speak to the whole congregation in some kind of forum, perhaps during the breakfast. There will be a Vestry Meeting with the Bishop afterwards. The Vestry Reading for the Bishop's discussion will be: Letter from the Birmingham Jail, by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.
- Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew, presented by Sue Roman. The team of Rev. Andrea, David Lias, Christine Lye, Jean-Maurice Calmels, Karen Wojtowicz, Nancy Cole, Frank Brill and Sue Roman, is working on a 90-day Micro-Strategy. The goal is to have 25 people, the majority from outside the Trinity community, have a positive spiritual experience on the labyrinth by the end of September, provide them with literature about Trinity, and create a model for spiritual events that take advantage of our space. Signs are being created to advertise a public labyrinth event on September 21<sup>st</sup>. On September 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a labyrinth walk for Trinity parishioners. Trinity volunteers will be recruited and trained as labyrinth facilitators. A press release will be prepared for the Newtown Bee. David Lias shared that there will be a retreat for the Genesis II Team on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Members will be writing their own spiritual biographies and will share them with the group, providing insight into the group's spiritual journeys as they also focus attention outward to people in the surrounding community.
- Children's Ministry- Rev. Andrea has called several meetings and has several families interested in re-starting a children's ministry. A curriculum is being considered that is put out by the Episcopal Church and it can be remotely accessed. There is interest in hiring a

nursery attendant for a few hours each Sunday. To run a classroom this Fall, teacher volunteers would need training. Hiring a part-time Children's Ministry Coordinator for 8-10 hours a week is also being considered.

- A Newcomer Gathering is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM in the Library.

**Property Commission – Gordon Dunn 7:20 – 7:30-** The Curate House lease will be up at the end of October. It was decided that the current tenant would be offered another 6-month lease. A new roof was put on the gazebo. It has plastic, moss resistant shingles that will last 100 years. There was no charge for the shingles, just labor. \$1200 was left over from Adam Bowditch's Eagle Scout project which was put toward the bill of \$6500. To deter trespassing, a combination of a motion light and surveillance camera is being looked into for the gazebo area.

- Guest Larry Coleman – Property Planning- Our building should have a restoration every 30 years. The last one was done in 2000 for a cost of \$1.62 million. We should do a walk through of the church and compile a list of items to be considered. The Fire Marshall will be inspecting the building the end of August.

**Mission and Outreach – David Lias 7:30 – 7:40** A meeting with the Newtown Non-Profit Consult was attended. Their goals are to help members generate new participants for their projects, and to have an overall event calendar for the community. Janice Wiggins of Renewal house sent a newsletter listing Trinity as a contributor, providing some positive PR. Dorothy Day House has increasing needs to provide meals to the homeless now housed in a Danbury hotel. Laundry Love coupons have increased in demand as their use has doubled in the last year.

**Trinity Care Team/Stephen Ministry – Cindy Anderau 7:40 – 7:50**

Stephen ministry training has started and 3 sessions have been covered. Ron Dukenski, Paget Haylon, Cindy Anderau, Rev. Andrea and a few guests are teaching 18 sessions, over 50 hours of training. The last session, on December 8<sup>th</sup>, will be taught by Rick Chamiec-Case. The Trinity Care Team will have its last training session, Maintaining Boundaries, the last week of August. Laurie Trotto is doing research on the program we will use for providing meals. Phone calls to people who would like them will start in September. The Team also has an emergency prayer group, and intercessory prayer group, and provides rides to those in need.

**Closing Prayer -Rev. Andrea** Collect for Protection from the Evening Prayer Service in the BCP