

Trinity – Vestry

August 18th, 2024

I. Prayer – Fr. Peter Johnson

II. Confirm Quorum & Secretary; Approve Minutes and Adopt Agenda.

Members Present: Fr. Peter Johnson, Bill Cober RW, David Brammer PW, John Guillory Sec., Pat Briney, Pat Brenham, Scotty Weeks. Teri Cober, Interim Treasurer. Quorum Confirmed.

Previous minutes from the June 16th and June 30th meetings were read. Motion was made by Pat Briney to accept the minutes for both meetings. Scotty Weeks 2nd. Motion approved.

The agenda for this August 18th meeting was read and a motion was made by Pat Brenham to accept the agenda as presented. 2nd by Pat Briney. Motion was approved.

III. Reports

a. Rector's Warden

- i. Bill reported that an agreement has been signed for GW Architecture to begin Architectural drawings for the Trinity Church additions.
- ii. There has also been authorization given for a property survey to be completed.
- iii. The next authorization to be given will be for soil samples to be taken, leading up to any soil improvements which may be needed.
- iv. A presentation was made and a discussion was held concerning final layout changes made to the sanctuary plans before architectural drawings could begin. There was also a discussion and a plan presented for needed changes on the layout of the Family Center, so that services can be held there during the estimated 6 month building process. The vestry agreed that there will be changes needed. There was a question what impact to our planned fundraising those changes would make. More information will be collected for review.

b. People's Warden

- i. David Brammer reported that the deck was nearing completion. The vestry toured the deck and agreed that the deck looked completed, leaving only the cross to be completed and added to the fence.
- ii. A reminder was given that the playground has need of additional mulch, which has broken down from the children's use.

c. Ministry Updates - Scotty Weeks

- i. Men's Ministry - Scotty continues to reach out to the men of the church. He is meeting with them and compiling emails and information, so that we can correspond with each other better. He will build an information document for the Men's Ministry. Fr. Peter also acknowledged that he was very thankful for Scotty's participation and help with the Sunday Services.
- ii. Mercy Ministry - Scotty is reaching out to members that have expressed needs in their spiritual journey, also to those, that may not be attending, but continue to have a connection to Trinity.
- iii. Peter asked Scotty to leave the meeting for a few moments. Bishop Orji has asked that the vestry consider whether Scotty is prepared for the Diaconate and to make a recommendation to him that Scotty move forward. After discussion among the vestry members a motion was made by Pat Brenham and 2nd by Pat Briney, that Scotty was prepared and committed, and the vestry recommend Scotty for the Diaconate. Motion carried. Scotty was welcomed back; the motion was announced and a round of applause was given.

d. Treasurer's Report

- i. Fr. Peter reviewed and reminded the vestry of the unexpected deaths in the Comeaux family and how that made it difficult for Scott to be as up to date with the financial statements as he would have wanted to be. Due to his sudden death, Fr. Peter has asked that Teri Cober be Interim Treasurer and do her best to get the financial statements in order. Which she has done with the information she had available.
- ii. Teri submitted a recreated YTD financial statement to the vestry. She stated that there are some changes which will occur as more information is uncovered. The statement has changed from the previous form, it will now be a statement used for a non-profit, which would be more accurate for our use.

- iii. Teri uncovered areas that were not paid in full and areas where items were entered improperly. Those areas will be moved to be more accurately represented.
- iv. Teri presented a detailed Statement of activities, noting how line items were added for accuracy and clarification, and how expenses YTD are impacting the budget.
- v. The changes of most importance are that Fr. Peter was underpaid the last 2 years in his retirement fund with a balance of \$11,854.25 owed to him. Additionally, there is an insurance reimbursement due Trinity of \$4,702.25 and an Anglican Compass Fund amount owed to Trinity of \$4000. A motion was made by Pat Briney and 2nd by Pat Brenham that funds received from Insurance Reimbursements and Anglican Compass be redirected to Fr. Peters Retirement Fund and that Trinity catch up the remainder of amount owed to Fr. Peter by year end. Motion carried.
- vi. Teri reviewed the financial statements and submitted that the church is ahead of budget and has continued to do a good job of keeping expenses in line. However, cash on hand is low and there may be a need to dip into other funds without an increase in revenue.
- vii. A motion was made by John Guillory and 2nd by Pat Brenham, that Teri Cober become Treasurer for Trinity.
Motion carried and the position was accepted. The vestry thanked Teri for all her work on the financial statements.

e. Rector's Report

- i. Sundays – Ephesian Series will be ending this month and the Tabernacle Series will begin in Sept.
- ii. Fall Classes
 - a. Music and Art begin Sept 5th
 - b. Scholars will join with Diocesan Training on Sat's @ 8:00 AM, Beginning Sept 7th
 - c. Sunday School begins Sept 15th. Topic TBD
- iii. Capital Campaign – Upcoming Events
 - a. Leadership Training
 - b. Devotional Development (which will include member contributions)
 - c. Lead Gifts (Aug-Sept)
 - d. Public Campaign (Oct)

- iv. Kevin Lindholm Departure-
 - a. Fr. Peter informed the Vestry that Kevin has made the decision to return to California due to his father's illness. He will be missed and we are grateful for his beautiful and meaningful artwork. He has also added such spirit and joy to our music, while encouraging and growing the love of song and music in others.
 - b. Fr. Peter will begin a search for the art and music roles.
 - c. We may need to consider separating roles and/or contracting out when needed.

IV. Old Business

a. Mobile Kitchen -

A discussion was held concerning the need for the Mobile Kitchen and how we might use it presently. Fr. Peter thought that if we did not have enough use out of it, we should consider donating it to the ARDF. Most of the vestry members thought that we should consider offering it to the ARDF at a reduced cost. Trinity members donated to its purchase and the funds could be used towards the Sanctuary Expansion Project. A motion was made by Pat Briney and 2nd by Pat Brenham, that the Mobile Kitchen be offered to ARDF for the amount of \$20,000. Motion carried.

V. New Business

a. Establish Dedicated Fund for Sanctuary Expansion

John Guillory motioned and Scotty Weeks 2nd that a Dedicated Fund be established for Funds received exclusively for use for the Sanctuary Expansion Project. Motion Carried.

VI. Announcements - See Agenda

VII. Closing Prayer - David Brammer

