

TRINITY - VESTRY

March 16th, 2025

I. Prayer - Fr. Peter Johnston

II. Confirm Quorum & Secretary - Members Present: Fr. Peter Johnston, Bill Cober R.W., John Guillory Sec., Pat Brenham, Jeff Townsdin, Teri Cober, Treasurer. David Brammer P.W., and Pat Briney were absent. A Quorum and Secretary were confirmed.

Approve Minutes and Adopt Agenda - Previous Minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept as presented was made by Pat Brenham, 2nd by Jeff Townsdin. Motion was approved.

The agenda was presented for adoption. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jeff Townsdin, 2nd John Guillory. Motion was approved.

III. Reports

a. Rector's Warden Report - Bill Cober

1. Family Center Renovation Update - Bill informed the vestry that all approvals from City Parish government have been granted and construction can now begin. The cost of the approvals was \$5700. Remodeling of the Family Center will begin this Tuesday. The ceilings and walls will be removed and the ceilings where the class rooms presently are will be raised.

2. Sanctuary Update - Final construction drawings are being made by Graham, for the contractor, so that the Sanctuary construction can begin.

b. People's Warden Report - Fr. Peter Johnston

1. Workday - The workday to remove most of the items from the Family Center was a success. There are additional items to be moved and most of those items will be moved into the kitchen during remodeling.

2. Family Center Rendering - Fr. Peter presented a rendering of the south wall of the Family Center after completion. The 2 arch windows from the sanctuary will be added to both sides with large double doors in the middle. A curtain will hang in front of the double doors while services are

held there. A future project would be to enlarge the deck outside to meet the double doors. This will provide better access for using both spaces in the future.

c. Treasurer's Report – Teri Cober

- 1. Finance Updates** – Teri mentioned that we are trailing behind on the unrestricted income side. Most of that should be made up with expected pledges in March.
- 2. Expansion Loan** – Wesley Impact Partners has approved the Sanctuary Expansion Loan for 1.3 million dollars. It has not yet closed and signed yet. The vestry has approved spending up to \$700,000., if needed, at an earlier meeting.
- 3. Stuller Grant Application** – The meeting with Stuller Foundation in Mid-February to present the grant application went very well. Stuller was pleased to see how well prepared and professional the presentation was. They were also impressed with the commitments already pledged for funding. We were informed that to get a \$150,000 grant we would need to receive an additional match of \$150,000 from church members.
- 4. Quarterly Statements** – A discussion was held on how members are doing with commitments with both, their church pledges as well as their Living Stones expansion pledges. John mentioned that a statement may be helpful for members to know how they are doing. Teri offered to send out Quarterly statements to members for both pledges.

d. Rector's Report – Fr. Peter Johnston

- 1. Cultivate Conference Videos** – Fr. Peter shared 3 videos made during the Cultivate Conference. They were very well done and will be used to promote the conference in the future.
- 2. Groundbreaking** – The groundbreaking went very well and was well attended. The One Acadiana members were impressed with the encouragement and excitement of those in attendance.
- 3. Monthly Cycle of Prayer** – Fr. Peter would like to introduce a monthly Cycle of Prayer and include it on the Trinity App. He would like input from the congregation and a meeting will be held next Sunday at 9:00 am to gather recommendations.

4. Good Friday Reflections- Fr. Peter will distribute Good Friday passages to vestry members. The reflections by vestry members will be read to the congregation during the Good Friday Service.

5. Trinity 101 - Trinity 101 is beginning and presently has 8 people attending. 2 are returning members. It is not to late for others to attend.

IV. New Business

a. **Printer -** A new printer has been purchased for the church. The cost was \$9400. It will have the stapling and folding options needed for the bulletins. A maintenance contract is also included. It should be installed this week after a site evaluation is done.

V. Closing Prayer - Bill Cober