

Trinity Anglican Vestry Meeting

January 12, 2025

I. Prayer - Fr. Peter Johnston

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

Members Present- Fr. Peter Johnston, Bill Cober, RW, David Brammer, PW, John Guillory, Secretary, Pat Briney and Teri Cober, Treasurer. Pat Brenham, absent. David Brammer motioned to accept quorum & previous minutes, 2nd by Pat Briney. Motion approved. John motioned to adopt agenda; 2nd Pat Briney. Motion approved.

III. Reports

A. Rector's Warden -

1. Living Stones Update-

- a. Design & Detail drawings have been completed and presented to the appropriate parish and city building inspectors for approvals.
- b. A contract will be signed soon with Arceneaux Construction for the building construction.
- c. A communication timeline is being considered to keep parishioners informed about upcoming construction changes and how our meeting spaces will change. The expected start date should be mid-February.

2. By-Law Changes - Bill Cober presented By-Law changes updating Trinity's Diocesan affiliation with the Anglican All Nations Diocese. The changes also include section 4.6 to authorize remote voting, the removal of Section 5.3 which formed the Initial Vestry and the inclusion of Section 5.4 which allows non-voting Associate Vestry members. Motion to approve the updates by Pat Briney, 2nd David Brammer. Motion approved. A copy of the updated by-laws will be included in the member packets at the annual meeting, to be held Jan. 26th.

B. People's Warden-

1. Updates -

- a. Thanks to all who helped with the Greening and De-Greening of the church for the Christmas Season. The vestry thanked David for leading these events.
- b. The 1st Annual January 5th Epiphany Celebration with the burning of the Christmas trees went well. We are looking forward to next year with better weather and more trees to add to the celebration.
- c. David mentioned that we will need to move some of the plants near the entryway before construction begins. Hopefully they can be moved and then replanted after construction ends.
- d. The Men's Prayer/Workday was a success with lighting installed on the deck and in both rest rooms. We also cleaned the parking areas and hedges were trimmed.

C. Treasurer's Report-

- 1. **Financial Report-** Teri Cober distributed Financial Reports and explained each section. The results were that we stayed within budget for most sections. The exception was the Admin. Section with an unbudgeted Software update needed. We were pleased to see that the year ended with a positive balance of \$4,863.38. Pat Briney motioned to approve, Bill Cober 2nd. Motion approved. Thanks to Teri for all her work getting the financials back in order.
- 2. **Insurance-** Teri updated the vestry of a substantial increase coming in Property Insurance costs. The cost for 2025 appears to be approx. \$18,000. The Insurance program will be reviewed for any changes that can be made to decrease costs.
- 3. **Subsplash-** There is a disagreement on a \$2000 refund due with Subsplash. Teri asked Pat Briney if he would send a demand letter to recover money owed to Trinity. He has agreed to do so.

D. Rector's Report-

1. Updates-

- a. **Christmas season-** The Advent/Christmas Season was successful and well received by all. The New Years Eve caroling and dance had 75 people in attendance, many from outside of the Trinity family.
- b. **Living Stones Update-** It is very encouraging to be blessed with \$270,000 received to date for the Living Stones Fund. Funds received early will help offset the costs of borrowing at an

approx. 7% interest, for the soon needed ongoing construction payments.

- d. **Faith in Art**- A grant was applied for from Creo Arts. We
 - e. were awarded \$20,000 for a gallery in our new meeting room. Trinity has also been selected to be one of the first churches to be a part of the Faith in Art, Creo Arts Cohort.
 - e. **Grant**- Teri is working on an grant application for the Living Stones Fund which will be submitted to the Stuller Foundation in the coming weeks.

IV. Old Business

- 1. **Vestry Nominations**- Peter met with Jeff Townsdin to ask if he had interest in being a nominee for vestry. Jeff has agreed to have his name submitted for a vote. Pat Briney motioned to approve Jeff to the Vestry, 2nd David Brammer. Motion approved.
- 2. **Mobile Kitchen** – Peter will try to reach out to the ARDF again to see if there is any interest in acquiring the mobile kitchen.
- 3. **Printer** – Quotes are being reviewed and test prints are being made to consider acquiring a very needed new printer.

V. New Business – None

VI. Announcements-

- 1. **The Trinity Annual Meeting** will be held **Sunday, January 26th**.
Following the meeting a Potluck lunch will be held in the Family Center.
- 2. **Cultivate Contentment Women's Conference** will be held on **Jan. 31-Feb. 1**.
- 3. The next **Vestry Meeting** will be held on **February 9th**.
- 4. **Theology on the Bayou** will be held on **Feb. 28th**.
The topic will be John Jule 16th Century Reformer. Andrew Graser will be the Guest Speaker.
A crawfish boil will follow.

VII. Prayer – David Brammer

