

TRINITY – VESTRY

April 30th, 2023

I. Prayer-led by Peter.

II. Confirm Quorum & Secretary (Dana Andrus); Approve Minutes-& Adopt Agenda-Sam moved to adopt agenda, Seconded by Dave.

In attendance: Dana Andrus, Dave Buckless, Bill Cober, David Brammer, Sam Hawkins, John Guillory, Holly Hunter, Rev'd Peter Johnston

III. Reports

- a. Treasurer-not in attendance. Bill reviewed the budget. Overall, things look pretty good with the budget. Missions and outreach are significantly behind the plan due to the timing of the budget. Bill moved to adopt the treasury report and Dave seconded it. Scott has asked that his assistant do more of the book keeping side of it while he would keep up with the CPA role. He requested compensation with \$200 additional a month (he currently gets \$200 from the deanery). Finance committee is currently reviewing the policies and procedures. Sam made the motion for Trinity to pay Scott \$200 a month from Trinity for book keeping services, Dave seconded the motion. (His tasks in book keeping: depositing money from collection, online donations, payroll for Trinity, taxes, employment reports, paying recurring bills, taking care of credit card expenses, assembles reports in quick books, etc.). It will be listed in the budget. Bill will come back with more details next time we meet. Vestry approved the funding and the details will be discussed at the next meeting for approval.
- b. Rector's Warden-Campus Communion-Hunters have officially relocated. Adam is working on formation classes. There is a focus on fundraising late spring/early fall to support Adam's salary, which will be paid by the deanery. Campus Connection may need to become a separate nonprofit, but it is still under the deanery at this time. Adam will report to the bishop. Deanery-Peter, Teri, and Bill went to a church service for former Methodists (about 90 people) recently in the St. Francisville area. There was a Q and A session after the service for the congregation. They asked questions about the Anglican faith. Anglican Compass-Peter posted several articles recently from GAFCON. They have been collecting resumes and starting the process to find a managing editor.
- c. People's Warden-Tree in the front of the church needs to be trimmed. Dave has been fertilizing the tree. It looks a little better. The tree contains disease. Dave is investigating tree trimming and getting quotes. Equipment will also need to be rented in order to complete the tree trimming.
- d. Outreach-Fundraiser for the Hunters-Fish fry went well and there will be another fundraiser. Recently served 150 people at The Hub. The Hub provides food, groceries, and clothes for the homeless. Opelousas pregnancy center-cooked at an event. Outreached raised \$800 for the pregnancy center. Next event, cook burgers for the Bingo, which will benefit missionaries in Cambodia. Outreach will participate in Wing Wars for the Gifting Grace project. We will have a professional team and an amateur team. They also delivered 100 hygiene kits to Mississippi after tornados. Peter asked about making an

outreach page on Subsplash app. That way, updates and pictures can be sent out. Outreach needs more volunteers. Sam will be resigning after this year. He will still be on the Outreach team.

e. Rector-Peter thanked everyone for contributions of the Vestry and the Congregation for Holy Week.

i. Priorities from Bishop Discussion-Our focus should be:

1. Disciple-Making Culture (beyond Sunday morning)
2. Pastoral-Care (beyond Clergy)
3. Lay-leadership being equipped, empowered, commissioned
4. Children's and youth ministry

ii. On #1-3: Neighborhood Groups-Groups formed based on location/region. Neighborhood groups meet on a regular basis (maybe monthly to start) with a set of lay leadership for each group. Leadership would organize gatherings, and there would be a pastoral role for the people of the Neighborhood Group. Each group should have at least 2 leaders. Sam said that he would love to start this at his home. May have "neighborhood group week," which would be the week for each group to meet. Each neighborhood group would be able to do projects or outreach in their area. Pastoral Care can include lay leaders offering communion. There has not been a training for this. Various categories need training, such as A/V. Neighborhood groups, long term, may lead to a church plant eventually.

iii. On #4: Sunday School, Music & Arts Activities, & Children's Ministry Coordinator-We had Sunday School during Lent. We will do another one in May/June. The topic in the adult class will be The 39 Articles. Children's Sunday School will also occur. We will have a Music and Arts Camp in June. We are looking to develop classes and gatherings on these activities on a weekly basis. Kevin will be offering arts classes for children in the church. We would also like to start weekly children's rehearsal for music. We are also considering a Children's Ministry Coordinator as well as named leaders in other categories.

IV. Old Business

a. Deck (Bill & Dave)-Bill and Dave met to talk about the deck last week. They measured and came up with the measurement of 36 ft x 36 ft. It starts behind the family center and goes to the brick columns and goes up to the side wall. Estimate includes around \$6,000 in materials and right under \$8,000 for labor. The bid with Nathan includes leveling the land to ensure that water drains away from the building. Dave would like to consider using Hunter Savoy for the dirt work. John made a motion to proceed with completing the deck within the budgeted amount set aside for the deck with Dave, Bill, and Peter making the decisions about how to carry out the project. Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. New Business

a. Discussion of Bylaws (Sam)-Voting members/Vestry Members signing the covenant. Peter stated that those who had signed the covenant did not have to sign it, but that is not what it says in the bylaws. It says that the covenant must be reaffirmed. It does not say in the bylaws if it should take place by signing a document or verbally reaffirmation. We could revise the bylaws to include signing the covenant and then verbally reaffirming it after. We need to resolve the status on the original signers of the covenant and reestablish what the definition of reaffirmation actually is. Bill proposed that Peter and Bill can draft

new wording to the bylaws. Dave made a motion to create draft wording and send it to Aaron and the chancellor that reviewed the bylaws to review it and approve it in order to define reaffirming and language surrounding original members of the church. This will come back to the Vestry for voting. Sam seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Sam discussed Adam reporting to the Bishop and how we can communicate that to the congregation. Peter is Adam's sponsoring rector for ordination and works with him in Anglican Compass. The church is a supporter of Campus Communion. His responsibility to Campus Communion is under the Bishop. We may need to have a webpage that outlines the missions and outreaches of Trinity Anglican and explains some of this information.

b. Sanctuary Amplification-Larger number of people coming to the church. Bodies absorb the sound. Should we explore an amplification system from the pulpit? There is currently amplification for the streaming service, which is clearer. Josh, who did the current system, will do an evaluation and give an estimate for new speakers and amplification within the church. We could also wire the sound into the library. Dave made a motion to explore sanctuary amplification. John seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VI. Announcements

a. May 12th – Bingo, for Pellonis to Cambodia (Holly)-Meeting other Anglican churches. This fundraiser will go to them for their mission work. A concession stand will be set up. There will also be a cake auction and Bingo.

b. May 19th – Vestry Dinner with Bishop-Has not been confirmed.

c. May 20th – Biblical Life Saturday-He will not be here on Sunday for the services. There will be no confirmations with this visit.

d. June 12-16th – Hosanna Music & Arts Camp

e. Summer Clergy Schedule – Jeffreys off in June, Johnstons off in July

f. June 25th – Vestry Meeting

VII. Closing Prayer-led by David Brammer.