

TRINITY ANGLICAN – VESTRY MEETING

April 28th, 2024

I. Opening Prayer – Fr. Peter Johnston

An additional prayer was given in celebration for Fr. Adam Hunter's Ordination and the formation of St. Lydia's Anglican Church.

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

Members Present: Fr. Peter Johnston, Bill Cober RW, David Brammer PW, John Guillory Sec., Pat Brenham, Pat Briney, Scotty Weeks. Scott Comeaux, Absent. Quorum and Secretary was confirmed.

Previous minutes were presented and reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Pat Brenham, seconded by Pat Briney. Motion approved.

The Vestry agenda was presented and reviewed. Motion to adopt the agenda as presented by Pat Briney, seconded by Scotty Weeks. Motion approved.

III. Reports

a. Rectors Warden Report–

1. Sanctuary Expansion Update- Fr. Peter and Bill Cober met with the architect to review updates to the proposed plans. The changes made were primarily to extend the sanctuary towards Verot School Road instead of extending and widening the sanctuary. Bill explained this was to work with the present roof line height which will reduce the projected cost, while

maintaining a cohesive look and better sight line for members. An arborist was consulted to inspect the oak in front of the sanctuary. The arborist thought that a few limbs would need to be cut to accommodate the new building but with some regular thinning the tree would be healthier in the long run. A second arborist will be consulted after funding is established and approved. Richard Rogers from Horizon Stewardship on May 7th will have a First Impressions Presentation for the vestry. There will also be a First Impressions Presentation made to the congregation on May 12th.

2. Foundation 39 Updates –

- i.** Work continues with Christ Church Rio Grande Valley to help establish a place of worship.
- ii.** The home belonging to Foundation 39 is presently zoned for family occupancy. Now that Fr. Adam Hunter has established St. Lydia's Anglican church and it is considered a business entity by the State of La. It would be considered out of compliance with the zoning ordinances. There are also occupancy restrictions and liability issues which would need to be addressed. After consideration for Foundation 39 the Hunter Family and St. Lydia's the best resolution for all is to sell the home to the Hunter Family. F39 and the Hunter Family are working to find the best way to make this work for the betterment of all involved.

b. Peoples Warden Report –

1. Grounds-

- i.** The mowing company that was retained did a great job mowing and trimming the property.

- iii.** We had a great day working together on the property. The primary work for the day was cleaning, sanding and sealing the deck.
- iv.** More mulch will need to be added to the playground area.
- v.** David mentioned ideas for the area between the building and ways to promote drainage concerns.
- vi.** Lighting and general updates are needed for both bathrooms and will be added to the To Do list.
- vii.** The next workday will be planned for some time in May.

c. Treasurer's Report

Fr. Peter presented a 1st Quarter Statement of Activity Report for Scott Comeaux who was unable to be present. A full report will be made available at the next vestry meeting. Trinity is tracking ahead of budget YTD.

d. Rector's Report

- 1. i.** Holy Week was a great success with high participation and many members feeling the weight and celebration of the season.
The celebration of Carmen Comeaux and her funeral service was well attended and a testament to her love of family and friends and their love for her. We are glad we could embrace her and the family in so many ways during this time.
We are thankful for David Roseberry's attendance and insights during the vestry gathering. His experience and thoughts on church expansion was exceedingly helpful as we move forward with our expansion needs as church growth continues.

ii. The sermon series of John is continuing. In June the sermon series will be on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. Kevin Lindholm will create the artwork for the series.

iii. Seasonal opportunities are Sunday School on Joy, the Christ Church RGV Easter Donations and the Potluck.

iv. Guilds and Ministries

1. Grounds Guild will continue the monthly Work Days at the church.
2. The Care Guild will begin meeting monthly after church on the last Sunday of the month.
3. Outreach will be led by Penn Tompkins and is meeting as needed.

v. Communications – Trinity Talk is in development

IV. Old Business

a. Sanctuary Expansion

- i.** May 7th will be presentation to the vestry for First Impressions for Sanctuary Expansion.
- ii.** May 12th there will be a presentation to the congregation for the First Impressions for Sanctuary Expansion.

b. Deck

- i.** The deck has been sanded and sealed.
- ii.** Hunter Savoy will begin building the fence one side of the deck and railing on the south side.

c. Sanctuary Amplification

The amplification improvements have been completed in the Sanctuary and the Narthex have been installed and the speakers in the

library are to be installed May 6-7. There will be adjustments needed to get the sound quality and levels correct.

d. Church Life

A discussion was held on the life of the church. Membership and attendance are up and consistent. We are having more visitors come through the doors. The guilds are active or they are rebuilding to soon become active again. Parking can be a problem at times which is a good sign of growth. The consensus is that Trinity is in a good position at the present time. We need to position ourselves for growth and build up leadership within the church.

V. New Business

1. Additional Doors

Fr. Peter informed the vestry that an additional exit door would be needed in the Family Center if the Sanctuary Expansion was approved. He commented on where the possible locations might be considered. John reminded the vestry of a previous consideration that included a movable separation wall between 2 classrooms that had been discussed and how a door location might fit in to that possibility.

2. Scotty W. mentioned that there may be a possibility of his son-in-law would pressure wash the buildings as a service project.

3. Fr. Peter updated the vestry of the Bishop's plan to ordain Scotty Weeks to the Diaconate sometime in September at Trinity.

4. Scotty W. discussed beginning a Men's Ministry that Fr. Peter asked him to undertake as a lead up to his ordination. They discussed how a strong Men's Ministry is foundational to a growing church.

VI. Announcements

See the Vestry Agenda for upcoming important dates.

VII. Closing Prayer – David Brammer