

TRINITY ANGLICAN-VESTRY MINUTES

August 20th, 2023

In attendance: Fr. Peter Johnston, John Guillory, Sam Hawkins, Bill Cober, Dave Buckless, David Brammer. Absent: Scott Comeaux and Dana Duhon

I. Prayer – Led by Peter

II. Confirm Quorum & Secretary –

Quorum confirmed and John Guillory agreed to become acting secretary in Dana Duhon's absence.

June 25th Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve as presented was made by Sam Hawkins, seconded by Dave Buckless. Approved with no objections.

August 20th Agenda was presented to the vestry and a motion to accept as presented was made by Sam Hawkins and seconded by Dave Buckless. Approved with no objections.

III. Sharing on Jeffrey Departure.

Fr. Peter reminded us that to be disciples of Christ we are constantly being pushed from the comfort of where we are to a place the Lord wants us to be. Becoming uncomfortable most often precedes the changes that brings us closer to Christ and his plans for us.

The Vestry members shared with each other how much the Jeffreys were loved and will be missed. We are so grateful for the time they were with us and will feel the loss of their love and talents. It is somewhat less of a loss knowing that they will be remaining in the Diocese and we can continue to love and support each other in meaningful ways as we continue in our discipleship together.

IV. Sharing on the Deanery.

Fr. Peter announced to the Vestry that he would be stepping down as Dean of La. and the position is on hold until the Bishop discerns the next steps for the La. Deanery.

V. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report.

In Scott Comeaux's absence, Bill Cober gave a summary of where the budget is as of July 31st, 2023. Trinity's Income is \$17,131.78 behind budget YTD and Expenses are \$12,933.42 YTD incurring a deficit of -\$4,490.09 Balance YTD. Fr. Peter reminded the Vestry that a couple large contributors pledges are expected soon. We will also see a decrease in expenses with the departure of the Jeffreys.

A motion to approve the budget as submitted was made by Dave Buckless and seconded by Sam Hawkins. With no objections the motion passed.

b. Rectors Warden Report

Bill reported that the Deanery payroll which includes Campus Communion, will transition from Trinity taking responsibility for paying Adam and accepting financial commitments of larger supporters, in favor of the Diocese receiving and paying those funds. Local donations will continue to be accepted at Trinity and submitted to the diocese for Campus Communion. Dave Buckless motioned that the report be accepted as submitted and Sam 2nd. With no objections the motion passed.

c. Peoples Warden Report

Dave Buckless thanked Jibran and Fr. Peter for maintaining the grass while he was on vacation. Design and planning for fencing and seating on the deck is continuing. Dave asked for any suggestions Vestry members may have. There is a balance of \$5100. in the fund to complete the deck. However, the bid for Dave's suggested plans returned at approx. \$7000. A suggestion was made by David Brammer that there may be portions of the work that can be completed by members of the church to help reduce the cost. Dave updated the vestry on the AC unit in the administration area of the church. The outside unit was replaced at a cost of \$3000. He also stated that we can expect more units to be replaced in the near future, since all the units are approximately the same age. John motioned to accept the report as submitted and was seconded by Sam. With no objections the motion was accepted.

d. Outreach Report

Sam Hawkins reported that the Ministry Fair plans were progressing and that it is scheduled for next Sunday August 29th. We are hoping to inform members of the many opportunities for participation in the life of Trinity. Leaders of each area of ministry are being asked to be available to inform members about the ministry they lead and how they can volunteer. John Guillory motioned to accept the report as submitted and was seconded by Dave Buckless. With no objections the motion was accepted.

e. Rectors Report

Fr. Peter spoke about a season for every ministry and that we should continue the work of the church and fill the role of church administrator as soon as possible. Terrie Cober has offered to fill a portion of that role as communication and social media coordinator until further notice. It was stated that the candidate would need to commit to 30 hrs. a week and include Sunday services. The position will be posted within ACNA and Trinity to search for a replacement. If we have not filled the position in a couple of weeks a larger posting will be placed. A motion was made by Sam Hawkins to proceed with hiring a new administrator and seconded by Dave Buckless. With no objections the motion was accepted.

Fr. Peter informed the Vestry that Trinity Art and Music classes are to begin August 31st. The classes will be weekly and be from 3-5pm.

Fr. Peter is working on ideas for Thursday Evening Classes and asked for suggestions. David Brammer proposed members lead a topic of their choice for each week or a book we can discuss on a weekly basis. David volunteered to take lead of this ministry for this session.

VI Priorities from the Bishop

a. Disciple Making Culture

A discussion was held about neighborhood groups, what they would look like, what training would be offered and what would be the goal.

b. Lay Leadership

Discussed different opportunities and ideas: Currently we have Guilds, Trinity Scholars, Mens Ministry, Cultivate Womens Ministry and Outreach. We will continue to explore other areas for lay leadership.

c. Pastoral Care

Discussed the opportunity for a Care Guild and the addition of Lay Eucharistic Ministers at Trinity. There are members who are interested in becoming LEM's. Sam Hawkins asked about training for LEM,s. Fr. Peter will follow up with more information and mentioned the possibility of bringing a LEM contingent to Synod for a group reception. Fr. Peter is hoping that Adam Hunter may become the leader of the Care Guild in the future.

d. Children's Ministry

Fr. Peter stated that Carla Johnston will be the Children's Ministry Coordinator and is hoping to build a support team with the help of the members that supported Trinity's Camp Hosanna this summer.

There was consensus that we need to be more intentional about letting each other and others in the diocese know what we are doing at Trinity. We need to share our successes and our opportunities for discipleship.

VII Old Business

a. Proposed By Law Changes

Fr. Peter will coordinate with Fr. Aaron to discuss the changes proposed for the By Laws and update the vestry at the next meeting.

b. Sanctuary Amplification

Fr. Peter is reaching out for information and costs to add amplification for Sunday services and events held in the sanctuary.

c. Sanctuary Expansion

1. An organizational Meeting to form a committee will be held the 1st week of September.
2. Leaderworks Grant – Trinity has been approved for a Leaderworks grant of \$14,000 for a

Fundraising study to determine what funds could be raised for a sanctuary expansion. The vestry is happy to hear we are qualified for the funds but will postpone moving forward at this time with the many transitions and changes at Trinity.

VIII New Business

John Guillory asked that the vestry minutes be reposted on the Trinity Lafayette website. He also asked that the congregation be informed of its location and possibly be added to the bulletin as a reminder. The website is trinitylafayette.com/vestry.

IX Closing Prayer

Sam Hawkins closed the meeting with a prayer.