

Trinity Anglican Vestry Meeting

February 4th, 2024

I. Prayer – Fr. Peter Johnston

II. Confirm Quorum & Secretary – Members Present were Fr. Peter Johnston, Bill Cober, David Brammer, John Guillory, Pat Brenham, Pat Briney, Scotty Weeks. Scott Comeaux absent. Quorum was met. John Guillory, Secretary.

Previous Minutes – Minutes from the January 7th Vestry

Meeting was distributed and reviewed. Motion to approve by Scotty Weeks, seconded by David Brammer. Motion carried.

Adopt Agenda – The agenda for the vestry member was distributed and reviewed. Pat Brenham motioned that the agenda be adopted, John Guillory 2nd. Motion carried.

III. Vestry Introductions – New vestry members were introduced and welcomed to the vestry. Pat Brenham, Pat Briney and Scotty Weeks were asked to add any additional comments or information they would like to the vestry.

IV. Rector, Vestry, Bishop – Fr. Peter informed the vestry of David Rosenberry's upcoming visit to Trinity. A copy of his book was given to each vestry member to read before the vestry workshop. He will be at Trinity for 3 days with the following schedule.

Friday, March 15th – Public Presentation

Saturday, March 16th – Vestry Workshop

Sunday, March 17th – Sunday Worship and Preach

V. Guilds and Ministries – All Guilds and Ministries of Trinity Anglican were given brief descriptions of their purpose and duties. The lead person for each Guild and Ministry was noted. Discussion was had with initial plans for moving forward to improve and grow each of them. It was noted that communication will be important as each ministry interacts with the other, when needed.

Sanctuary Expansion –

- a. **Rector's Report** - Fr. Peter gave a brief history of the church building and family center and how changes were made leading up to present day. There was also a timeline given of church growth in membership and attendance. Given that membership is continuing to grow there is a need to revisit the previous vestry's discussions and motions concerning Sanctuary Expansion.
- b. **Proposal to Authorize/Reauthorize** - The new vestry was updated on the previous vestry's thoughts and concerns for expansion. There was discussion on what moving forward would entail, what were possible ways the sanctuary could expand, and how funds would be raised. Fr. Peter and Bill Cober gave descriptions of what steps were needed to advance the expansion and what were previously approved. After discussion on each step the following actions were presented.
 - i. Sanctuary Expansion Committee was motioned to approve by Pat Briney, 2nd by John Guillory. Motion carried without objection.
 - ii. Leadership Trust/ Horizon Stewardship next steps, approval was motioned by Pat Briney, 2nd John Guillory. Motion carried without objection.
 - iii. Sanctuary Expansion Fund is to be established. Motioned by Pat Briney, 2nd John Guillory. Motion carried without objection.
 - iv. Approval to use \$2500 from general fund and \$5000 from donations made to Sanctuary Expansion Fund for \$7500 total for Initial Site Review and Drawing. Motioned by Pat Briney, 2nd John Guillory. Motion carried without objection.

IV. Reports –

a. Rector's Warden Report –

Mission Affiliation - Bill Cober distributed an updated list of Missions that Trinity is associated with. He described each mission and its purpose and how each came to be. They are as follows; Trinity Anglican Church, Museum of Christian Art, Mission Possible, Anglican Compass, Diaper Collective and Foundation 39.

By-Law Changes – A copy of the proposed changes to the By-Laws for Trinity Anglican Church were distributed to the vestry and changes of our diocesan affiliation to the Diocese of All Nations were noted. There were also discussions on a few items no longer needed, such as, how the initial vestry was to be initially formed. Other possible changes were also mentioned. Pat Brenham motioned that a Special Session of the Vestry be called for during the vestry meeting of March 3rd to approved changes, 2nd John Guillory. Motion approved without objection.

Please inform vestry members in advance of any By-Law items being submitted for consideration to change, before the vestry meeting.

b. People's Warden Report – David Brammer updated the vestry on the deck. He presented ideas for completing the deck fencing and seating. There was hope that the Men's Group could complete the project rather than outside contractors. It was also suggested by Scotty Weeks that the Boy Scouts could potentially finish it as an Eagle Scout Project. John Guillory noted that there is still over \$5000 in the Deck Fund to complete the project. Pat Brenham motioned that we proceed to complete the deck, 2nd Scotty Weeks. Motion carried.

c. Rector's Report –

2023 Start - Fr. Peter reported that Trinity is off to a great start for the year. January had many activities which have happened or are beginning. Bishop Felix's visit, had a baptism and we received the Payton Family. The Cultivate Peace Women's Conference was very successful. The Trinity Scholars has begun and the Women's Bible Study and Men's Morning Bible Group are restarting. The Thursday Children's Art and Music program and Sunday Bible school for adults and children are well attended. Sunday attendance is averaging 70 per Sunday.

Trinity Podcast – Fr. Peter is considering beginning a Podcast that could be a feature on our Trinity page. He could present videos

Rector' Reports, highlight activities and feature leaders of guilds and Missions to promote and encourage involvement and testimonies. The vestry thought it would be a good way to reach out to members

who may be more inclined to watch rather than read information concerning Trinity.

V. Old Business

Sanctuary Amplification – Fr. Peter informed new members of the need for sanctuary amplification and the previous vestry's approval. There was discussion whether we needed to refrain from moving forward with amplification knowing a fund drive will be needed for the sanctuary expansion in the future. It was noted by Bill Cober that the funds needed would be raised primarily with donations and without a dedicated fund drive needed. The sanctuary expansion being a couple years out, it was the vestry's decision to continue moving forward acknowledging that the amplification is needed now.

VI. New Business

Intern Stipend – The question was raised by Scotty Weeks whether a Form 1099 was needed for Keith Weeks income as an intern. Bill Cober will get with Scott Comeaux and determine if it is needed to meet IRS requirements for him and Trinity.

VII. Closing Prayer – David Brammer