

TRINITY – VESTRY Jan 22nd, 2023 Meeting

- I. Opening Prayer was led by Dave Buckless.
- II. Confirm Quorum & Secretary; Approve Minutes & Adopt Agenda
 - In attendance: Bill Cober, John Guillory, David Brammer, Scott Comeaux, Holly Hunter, Sam Hawkins, Dana Andrus, Dave Buckless, Peter Johnston, Ellen Brammer
 - Dave made a motion to approve minutes from annual meeting, Sam seconded the motion.
 - Sam moved to adopt the agenda; Dave seconded the motion.
- III. Vestry Orientation was led by Peter. There was a special welcome from Peter to David and Holly, who are new Vestry members. Each person had the opportunity to state their “why” on the Vestry. Peter gave a little history of Trinity Anglican. It started in November 2016. The church council was developed in the first year. The transition to a Vestry was made in 2022.
 - a. Vestry Purpose (Formal & Informal)
 - b. Vestry Members
 - i. Sam Hawkins & Dana Andrus-Class of 2024-They will end their term at the beginning of 2024.
 - ii. Bill Cober, Dave Buckless, & John Guillory-Class of 2025-They will end their term at the beginning of 2025.
 - iii. David Brammer & Holly Hunter-Class of 2026-They will end their term at the beginning of 2026.
 - c. Officers-Peter reviewed the officers and their duties.
 - i. Rector’s Warden (Bill Cober)-This is the officer who stands for and represents the Rector and the Clergy.
 - ii. People’s Warden (Dave Buckless)-This is the officer who stands for and represents the people of the church.

The first job of these two officers is to work harmoniously with each other. This helps to embed the interests of the clergy and the people within the Vestry. The Rector’s Warden is the President of the Legal Corporation of Trinity. John mentioned that the bylaws of Trinity were written by members of the congregation. Peter will send the PDF of the bylaws again to the Vestry members as a reminder.

Secretary and Treasurer do not have to be on the Vestry. Currently, the Treasurer is not on the Vestry, but the Secretary is on the Vestry.

 - iii. Treasurer (Scott Comeaux)
 - iv. Secretary (Dana Andrus)
- d. Committees & Commissions
 - i. Identity & Affiliation (Bill + 3)-This is the standing committee that is chaired by the Rector’s Warden. We currently need some more people for this committee. Identity-Rector’s Warden with the Clergy makes sure that “we don’t go off the rails” theologically. Affiliation-how does the church relate to the other organizations (diocese, deanery, Anglican compass, outreach, etc.).
 - ii. Finance (Scott, Bill, John, Amy)
 - iii. Facilities (Dave Buckless + 3)-We currently need more people on this committee.
 - iv. Outreach (Sam + 3)-We will need more members for that committee.

IV. Reports

- a. Rector's Warden reported that a House purchase by Foundation 39 is on track to close next month. This house will be utilized by the Hunter family as they begin their college ministry outreach. Foundation 39 was established by Bill and Teri to see if money could be raised for deanery projects. It will help existing congregations or if churches need money to convert to the Anglican faith. The finance committee met last week. They will meet each quarter. They plan on starting the budget earlier in the Fall so that it can be approved by the end of the year. They will have general procedures/guidelines for who can count money, who can write/sign checks, etc.
- b. Treasurer-Scott brought the Trinity Anglican Church statement of activity. It shows the plans for 2023.
 - i. 2023 Budget-There is about a 10% increase in receipts from \$317,000 to \$345,000. Peter explained that the Deanery provides some opportunities for learning as well as Theological Formation for people who would like to become priests in the Anglican Faith. Church planting can be with a new church or existing churches who are interested who would like to join the Anglican Church. For ministries, there is an increase in payments. There is a larger investment in the digital ministry this year. This money goes to local advertising. Our plan for 2023 is an almost \$25,000 deficit. Bill explained that it is technically planned revenues and planned expenditures. The funding of Mission Possible is part of the agreement made with the Presbyterian Church to help to fund that Mission. Some of the missions may not happen if our revenues don't come in. The projected numbers for 2023 look good. Our current cash position: \$130,000 (cash in bank and investment account) with about \$60,000 of that in designated gifts. The finance committee will look at the budget and see if revisions are needed. Peter explained that Choir Development in Music Ministry is to further develop our children's choir (increase from \$1226 to \$6000). Campus Ministry/Anglican Compass/Deanery-the church is giving money to these ministries since these are missional ministries that help us as a church because it helps bring people to the church. Anglican Compass currently has a fundraiser online. There are funds generated from book sales and donations currently. John recommended a discussion in the future for percentage of our planned budget that goes to missions. It is currently around 20%. Missions in Panama is ongoing at this time. All were in favor of adopting the estimate of revenues and spending for the 2023 year.
 - c. People's Warden-Dave reported that a church work day is needed on a Saturday. Dave reported that they took a fence down and reclaimed the lumber that was still in good shape. There is a section of fencing that may need to be aluminum. It is probably around \$4000 in cost. Discussion of the deck will take place at the next meeting.
 - d. Outreach-Sam reported they are working on their calendar for the year. Their next meeting is February 6th. There will be fundraisers: February-Valentine's Day-serve a prime rib meal as a fundraiser for The Hub. May-Diaper Collective. They will cook for The Hub at least twice during the year. The will have those dates in February.
 - e. Rector
 - i. Membership & Covenant Ceremony-Membership classes are in process. One in February and one in March. Palm Sunday or Easter for Covenant Ceremony where all members are formally welcomed.

ii. Sunday School @ 9AM in Lent (6 weeks Feb 26 – April 2)-Peter proposed holding this during Lent with adult and children classes. Peter would lead the adult Sunday School. Dave asked if it could happen after the service instead of before.

1. Adults-Peter asked for possible topics. Bill mentioned the 39 articles. Peter mentioned the Our Father.

2. Children (Brainstorm)-Part of the program can be preparing the children to sing during Holy Week. Dana suggested that the children's ministry could mirror the adult topics to help spark discussions at home. Dana also shared that a weekly resource for families could be helpful from All Saints in Conroe, TX.

iii. Request: new laptop for Associate Rector (\$3,000)-This is an unbudgeted expense. Sam moved on the motion and John seconded it. It was approved.

iv. Looking ahead: begin to imagine sanctuary expansion-Peter said that it is something that we need to start considering. Peter spoke to Bishop Clark this week about this topic. Bill mentioned setting up the family center as an overflow room in the meantime. We could set up chairs in rows. Peter is imagining taking a wall out and adding another row of pews on one side as the expansion project

Discussion of availability of Vestry Meetings. Peter said that minutes could be available online. It could also be available in the Rector's Report. There could be a members page in the Rector's Report. Members could type in a password to access the Vestry Minutes.

IV. Closing Prayer-led by John.

V. VI. Next Meetings: Vestry Retreat Feb 18th