

Trinity — Vestry Minutes
March 19, 2023

I. Opening prayer led by Fr Peter Johnston.

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

In attendance: Bill Cober, Dave Buckless, John Guillory, Holly Hunter, Peter Johnston, David Brammer

Bill Cober moved to approve January minutes, John Guillory seconded the motion.

John Guillory moved to adopt agenda, Bill Cober seconded.

III. Reports

A. Rectors Warden

- i. Bill reminded everyone that the Vestry approved last year for Trinity to be the only employer for insurance purposes and to reimburse ministry for their salary expenses. For example, Kevin is paid partly from MOCA. MOCA pays Kevin, and Trinity reimburses MOCA. Campus Communion will fall under that model of ministry at minimum until the end of 2023. According to the bylaws, no member of Vestry may be married to an employee by Trinity. Bill Cober moved to exempt Holly Hunter from this. Given the fact that Campus Communion falls under the deanery and only under Trinity for accounting purposes. John Guillory seconded the motion.
- ii. Campus Communion (CC) — Bill gave an update on Campus Communion. Adam is moving in to the new house on 3/24 in Lafayette. He will be mainly here, except for a week he will be in Ruston. Holly and the children will follow on 4/26. The question was asked if people could give to the ministry in other ways than online. Peter said that checks can be made out to Trinity with Campus Communion in the memo line. Holly will ask Adam to add this to the CC website.
- iii. Anglican Compass (AC) — Managing editor position will be posted on 4/27. This will be a missional model. AC will provide a portion of the salary for the position and the editor will then fundraise the other portion.

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B. Peoples Warden

- i. Dave asked if there is an update for the deck and fence to be built — no update at this time. Dave and Bill will meet over the next month to bring a plan at the April meeting.
- ii. Dave asked for the old business / new business to be added back to the agenda so that plans for certain things would not be forgotten. Peter agreed and will add this to the agenda for the April meeting.
- iii. Work day — great turnout of people, great weather.
- iv. The oak tree in the front of the property has a disease called Oak Gull. Davis going to talk to an arborist about what the course of action should be. Either treating or removing. He will bring a plan back at the next meeting. There are three oaks on the property that will need to be taken care of.
 - i. John Guillory and Dave discussed a plan for new lawn equipment, a/c, lawn mower etc. As things continue to grow, what will it look like to manage the property. Bill recommended a dedicated fund if this is something that we need to do. Discussions on ways for everyone to continue to take ownership of the property. The conversation will be continued as we think strategically how the property should be best used.

C. Outreach — Sam absent

- i. Fish Fry on 3/17 went well. Not great weather.

IV. Rector

- i. Sunday School — 4 weeks in, seems to be going well. Adults seem to be enjoying it. We discussed 40 minutes being a good amount of time. Participation has been moderate. Kids are engaged well in conversation and really enjoy the dancing to get.

some energy out.

- ii. The Boyd family has asked for Fr Peter to baptize their middle son. They will meet with Peter on Palm Sunday and he will be baptized on Easter.
- iii. Peter asked if we should continue SS. Everyone agreed, yes and on a rotation basis. The next round will begin in May, running through June. Studying the 39 articles.
- iv. Much discussion was raised on having the Family Center ready as an overflow room. The chairs would be set up in an auditorium style seating with the service being shown on the large screen. It was discussed that this would not be only a room for parents with young children but for anyone that would be more comfortable sitting out of the sanctuary or seating became limited in the sanctuary. Much thought was put into how it could be a space for people to feel welcomed to be. Unanimously the vestry members agreed that setting up the Family Center in such a way was best. This will begin Easter Sunday.
- v. Music — the feedback that has been received is that since going to one service it has been difficult to engage with music because it is going back and forth between classical and contemporary. A different structure has been made to have a more classical opening and more guitar toward the end.
- vi. Palm Sunday — a nice binder has been purchased to keep the signed Trinity covenants in. This Palm Sunday any member that has not yet signed, will sign the covenant and they will all be kept in the binder. Peter will look at the Sunday liturgy to decide if the signing will happen in the service or some next Sunday and some Palm Sunday.
- vii. Neighborhood Groups — The discussion of smaller, weekday groups being when Bishop Clark was visiting last year The Bp. Did not intend for these groups to be studying something independently, rather an alignment with what is happening on Sunday mornings.
 - a. Peter introduced the idea of geographically placed groups around Lafayette. To begin, identify four leaders/hosts in 4 different areas of Lafayette. These leaders would take some Pastoral leadership of the people in their group. Checking in regularly, talking face to face, etc. This would help to develop and strengthen our lay leaders and not all things fall onto the Clergy.
 - b. Frequency — for the beginning, meeting once a month. Weekly seems to be too much with the other discipleship that is happening at Trinity. Once a month would also allow the group to do service projects and fellowship throughout the month.
 - c. June is ideal for kickoff as we begin walking through the book of Romans.
- viii. Summer Music Camp — probable name 'Hosanna Music Camp' or 'Hosanna Arts Camp'. This would be a camp for children ages K-Rising 6th graders. It would be a half day camp, 9-12pm. It would run for one week in June, Monday - Friday and a Family Concert on Saturday. Advertisement would be done via a website page, sign at the church, fliers through the neighborhood, etc. Charge would be minimal, \$50-\$100/per child. Concern for enough volunteers was raised by Dave. Everyone agreed that we should be able to have enough volunteers from Trinity. Holly brought up thinking about maybe doing the family concert on Friday after pick up to help encourage family participation and avoid families not returning for it due to weekend commitments or travel. We will continue to think through the details and choose a week, avoiding the first week of June due to DWGC Ladies Retreat being the first weekend in June.

V. Closing Prayer by Dave Buckless.