



*Love with the heart of Christ, think with the mind of Christ, and act in the world as the Body of Christ.*

## **Vestry Meeting Minutes 8/20/2017**

**Present:** Mtr Suz (Rector), Paul Anderson (Sr. Warden), Byron Harder, Meredith Mims McTigue, Jack Davis, Tommye Hurst, Iris Reed, Kathy Hunter (acting as Secretary for Rebecca Eidson,) Joe Yanes, Bill McDaniel, Kaleb Ellison.

**Excused:** Kathy Crouse (Jr. Warden), Kathy Sparks, Hap Wheeler.

Senior Warden Paul Anderson welcomed everyone and asked Meredith Mims McTigue to open the meeting with a prayer.

**Spiritual Journeys:** A Faith Journey story was shared, followed by a general discussion.

### **Old Business**

1. **\*Approval of minutes of June 24 regular meeting** – Approved with Iris' 2 grammatical error corrections. Unanimously approved.

### **New Business**

1. **Holy Trinity's Response to Charlottesville** – Discussion followed regarding the events of the week in Charlottesville, Boston, etc. Paul Anderson said that we as a vestry and parish may be asked how we feel about this, the underlying tensions, not only in our country but in our community. We won't put out a statement just to put out a statement, however, but be ready to respond quickly if needed. Peaceful gathering at Clemson University last night went well. Clemson University will be hosting a conference in the spring about these things and related issues. Paul is more than happy to host a coffee hour to further this type of discussion; Adult Formation will be in touch with Paul about this.
2. **Review of Vestry Purpose Statement & Goals** – We have 3 different versions of our Purpose Statement. Discussion followed. Baron moved to adopt #3; Tommye seconded, with the word "World" changed to "world." Unanimously approved. We will table the goals until September's Vestry meeting.

- 3. Ministry Sabbatical Reflections** – Discussion followed about Ministry Team Purpose/Mission/Goals. Communication will be increased to discern this information. Iris Reed will spotlight one Ministry Team each Tempo, including listing members.

**(Suspended new business to hear EDS report)** – Meredith gave a synopsis on her meetings with the EDS board. The following statement came out of last Monday's meeting - To "do what we already do to the best of our ability" over the next three years. Year 1 – Have EDS Bylaws in parallel as to how the Vestry's are set up. The board will finalize these bylaws and Meredith will bring them to the next Vestry meeting for our review. EDS Goals will be written and clearly visible on documents to keep these goals visually in the forefront. From the survey last school year, EDS parents would like to see EDS grow upward in age, so will be looking at their curriculum is the best, transportation is the best it can be, teachers and facilities are the best that we can have. (Survey results – 2/3 of parents completed the survey, 100% would send their children again and recommend EDS to others. Their #1 item was the quality of our teachers.) The last two years, we have seen a financial surplus and a waiting list of students.

- 4. Letter of Recommendation for Ordination to the Priesthood** – Suz sent the letter of recommendation to all Vestry members prior to this meeting. All Vestry members present signed the letter. It is due August 31. Then the Commission on Ministry will meet. A Transitional Deacon must remain in this effect for six months. Christopher's ordination may occur February 1, 2018.
- 5. Elect a member to serve the remainder of David Robb's Vestry term** – Shannon Quattlebaum was proposed as the replacement. She is a staunch leader in Children's Church, home schools their two young children, her husband, Glenn, is very involved with outreach in Haiti. Iris Reed moved to elect Shannon Quattlebaum to fulfilling the remaining term of David Robb's service; Bill McDaniel seconded. Unanimously approved.

## Reports

**\*July Financials and Treasurer's Report** - Prior to this meeting, the Vestry approved by e-mail vote a payment of \$20,000 on the principal balance for our Prism and Walls loans with First Citizens. Monthly reports were not sent to the Vestry prior to this July 2017 meeting. Following the meeting, the July Financial reports were emailed to the Vestry and these reports were approved by the Vestry via an e-mail vote. Paul Anderson explained that we are looking for a Treasurer, and possibly Assistant Treasurer(s.) Bob Tayler, Bill Hurst, Paul Anderson (ex-officio,) Suz Cate (ex-officio,) Dustin Foxworth, and Beth Kunkel are currently on the Finance Committee. In the absence of a Treasurer, the Senior Warden is the Treasurer. The Financial Committee recommends we vote to approve the July Financials. Suz Cate immediately forwarded the financial reports to all Vestry members, and Paul Anderson will poll the Vestry mid-week, via email, for a vote.

**Fall programming overview** – Suz Cate distributed the Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish Calendar 2017-2018 and plans to make this calendar available at the Ministry Fair August 28 and be on our parish web site.

#### **Jr. Warden – By written report**

- **Buildings and Grounds Committee Update** – report delivered by email to all Vestry members prior to tonight's meeting. Since then, 2 HVAC units began having issues and may have to be replaced. A limb fell off a tree at St. Paul's, with minor damage to the fence. The entire tree may have to be removed. Also, our trash cans have been moved off their property and on to our property.

#### **Ministry Team Reports**

- **Trinity Place & Parking Planning**—Tommye Hurst emailed minutes from the committee's last meeting and will email their goals this week. (Will come in a separate document from these minutes.) Survey Blitz for this property usage will kick off September 24, 2017. Trinity Place is zoned Commercial (Holy Trinity is zoned Commercial Multiuse.) Prism Project documents will be available in the church office for vestry review. Tommye will also invite all vestry member to the DropBox where these documents reside for review. This committee meets with Mayor Cook on August 29, 2017 to discuss city plans and how they may relate to our property and our needs. There will be in-home meetings to further disseminate information on this Trinity Place property. Q & A ensued.
- **Pastoral Care: Introduction to Sunday School Curriculum for early Fall** – Kathy Hunter distributed this fall's adult Sunday School curriculum, "Living as if we are going to die." Kathy thanked Pam Mack and the Pastoral Care Ministry Team for their work on this program. Discussion ensued. Iris stated that the curriculum was also published in the last edition of the *Tempo*.

**Closing Prayer** – led by Suz Cate.

**Meeting adjourned.**