

HOLY TRINITY VESTRY MINUTES

August 19, 2018

Present: Lori Vaughn; Sarah Maiberger; Tommye Hurst; Earl Burch; Suz Cate; Christopher Wilkerson; Hap Wheeler, senior warden; Bill McDaniel; Shannon Quattlebaum; Byron Harder; Meredith McTigue; Bob Taylor, treasurer; Jack Davis; Kathy Crouse, junior warden

The meeting opened a few minutes after 7 PM.

Lori shared her spiritual journey.

On motion of Bill McDaniel we unanimously approved the minutes of the June meeting and the July special meeting. Bob Taylor noted that he was no longer Acting Treasurer but Treasurer.

Vestry goals

Shannon reported that she had 40 replies to the engagement survey of which 7 wanted to be more involved. She is continuing to gather responses and data.

Tommye reported that the architects have a good deal of information, but the main architect lost his wife suddenly in July. Her committee is transitioning to do a full review of the future for the existing church buildings. Cary asked if membership needed to change with that change of mission, particularly with regard to the Day School, and Tommye expressed flexibility about that and confidence in the current group as well as the need to keep the group small enough to be effective.

Meredith reported on a July committee meeting regarding communications. The group plans an inventory of all current communications materials and will do a show and tell for the vestry at some point soon. They have also studied other brands, particularly what's available from the Episcopal Church nationally.

Thrift store mission

The vestry reviewed the thrift shop mission statement. The committee can recommend uses of the funds to the vestry but the vestry is ultimately responsible. The committee will be turning over its separate checkbook to the vestry in keeping with general standards. The St. Paul's committee will have to cover thrift shop repairs going forward because the thrift shop will no longer have its own funds. On motion of Tommye seconded by Byron, we voted unanimously to accept the thrift shop statement as written until further operational information is included.

Vestry meeting time

Hap asked everyone to think about whether the vestry could meet earlier on Sundays, for future discussion.

Haiti

On motion of Byron, seconded by Lori, we voted unanimously to authorize a disbursement of \$5720 from the Haiti university fund and outreach committee allocation to Haiti to go to the support of university students in Haiti.

Sharing of general concerns and thoughts

There were many congratulations for the Family Ministry committee and the fabulous kick-off to the program year Sunday morning. Hap noted that as a Sunday school teacher at the parents' drop in time it was hard, at least with the age group of kids he teaches, to supervise the children and talk to the parents at the same time. Lori suggested that we could have better information available for newcomers about where they can change and nurse their babies; suggestions were made and the Family Ministries committee will look into it.

Senior Warden's report

Kara Gold Hollingsworth has been hired for the secretary position.

There was little useful interest so far in the family minister position.

Bill Purkerson and Suz Cate will interview applicants for the youth minister position.

The vestry will meet September 23 at noon for a few hours to do strategic planning and prioritization regarding what's come out of the MMR experience.

Junior Warden's Report

Kathy thanked the people who worked hard on cleaning up the kitchen for the new program year. EDS renovations are just about done and look great. The carpet was cleaned this weekend. The new doors are back-ordered. Byron suggested that when the doors are painted it should be professionally done. There were problems with power to the elevator and HVAC that have been fixed by a rescue by Clemson Fire Department and a repair by Duke Power. We are on a wait list to pave the St. Paul's parking lot because of all the bad weather. The mullions in the St. Paul's windows will be painted. Eric Naeseth is taking care of a tree down at St. Paul's.

Treasurer's Report

On motion of Bill McDaniel seconded by Sarah Maiberger, we unanimously accepted the treasurer's report for June and July. Plate offerings are down, due to givers having moved, died, or switched to pledging. The diocese has asked us to summarize our approach to the Anderson fund for the diocese. Byron emphasized that we want to find a way to support university students in Haiti despite the challenges of accounting and reporting. Bob said all funds are healthy. The finance committee has begun looking at the statement of mission for 2019-2020. If all else continues the same, we need a 16-20% increase in the SOM for that year to break even. About 60% of the budget is salaries and about 16% is utilities, so there is not a lot to play with. In about two months the finance committee will report to the vestry on this.

Rector's Report

There will be a Safe Church training September 30 from 2-5 PM. Letters will go out to those who need the training. The Tempo deadline is Thursday the 23d at 8 PM. Suz and Christopher have begun logging their pastoral care contacts (with anonymity as necessary) and will report to the pastoral care committee. The local clergy meet monthly and are working on coordinating responses to homeless and needy people who request assistance. On the advice of the Clemson Police Department they will stop offering free lodging on weekends.

EDS Report

Cary reported that EDS has a list of 6 providers for a security system with individualized entry for parents and teachers. There is a delay because it's hard to get precise quotes before companies can see the doors of the facility. The church and school will need to coordinate about access needs. For the school, it is complicated to have church members enter without ringing the doorbell, because the teachers don't know who's an intruder, which complicates the EDS security plan.

Hap reported that the renovations were less expensive than expected, which may allow painting the rooms.

Family Ministry Report

Sarah and Tommy reported that the committee has been focused on the kick-off to the program year. There was discussion of putting banners on light poles and of the need for more visible signage.

Canterbury Report

Christopher reported on his time at the university orientation. He will be attending other university opening events to let people know about Canterbury and Holy Trinity. Lori and Christopher have met to talk about getting a Canterbury team in place. Pam Mack and a friend have received a grant for walking tours of the hidden history of the university with special reference to the history of slavery and race relations, and Canterbury will be participating. Canterbury meals are needed for this fall. Sunday, August 26 from 2- 6 PM at Bayshore Park there will be a welcome back event for Canterbury for which cooks are needed.

Nominating Committee

Jack Davis, Meredith McTigue, and Byron Harder, together with the wardens and Suz, will be the nominating committee for the vestry.

The meeting closed at about 9 PM.