Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Clemson SC

Vestry Meeting February 18, 2023, 1 PM

ATTENDEES: Mtr. Suz Cate, (Rector), Ellen Haase (Senior Warden), Bill Hurst (Junior Warden), Bob Taylor (Treasurer), John Warner, Harry Morse, Betty Snowden, Mel Harriss, Jody Hunter, Hap Wheeler, Jean Ellen Zavertnik, Andrew Baker, and Jan Cribb

ABSENT: Mark Stokes, Jenn Ellison, Charlie Curtis

OPENING PRAYER: Ellen opened the meeting with a prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of January 2023 Minutes: Harry Morse made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Bill Hurst. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **Treasurer's Report Bob Taylor:** *(See ATTACHMENT A)* The following topics were discussed. Relevant details are included in ATTACHMENT A.
 - a. The completion of the 2021 financial review was in January. Thanks go to Dorothy and Evyone and the parish members of the review for their work. Copies of the review were sent to Vestry prior to the meeting.
 - b. The separation of the St. Paul's and Thrift Shop Fund into two separate funds was completed.
 - c. The proposed Episcopal Day School (EDS) budget was reviewed, and the Finance Committee unanimously approved recommending the budget to the Vestry for approval. Bob sent the proposed budget to the Vestry prior to the meeting.
 - i. Hap Wheeler made a motion to approve the EDS Budget for 2023; seconded by Betty Snowden. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. It was noted that EDS has a good deal of reserve funds (\$424,000) due to DSS and Covid Payroll Protection Plan funding, but they need to operate in the black based on enrollment, which has been low in recent years. They are working on a plan to increase their enrollment.
 - iii. Beginning 2023, five percent of our Financial Administrator's salary will be covered by the EDS budget for services provided to them.
 - d. The January 31, 2023, financial statements were sent to the Vestry prior to the meeting. They included only one month of data and are not reliable indicators of trends. Moreover, many of the maintenance contracts are paid quarterly or annually. However, it does appear that approximately we are on schedule with respect to the 2023 SOM.
 - e. The Finance Committee recommended that we make an additional \$15,000 principal only payment on Trinity Place from the gift of \$35,500 from the anonymous donor.
 - Harry Morse made a motion to approve the additional payment of \$15,000, which is in keeping with the donor's wishes. Seconded by Hap Wheeler. Motion approved unanimously.
 - f. Update on Kunkel's Estate actions.
 - i. Beth Kunkle, who passed away in the Fall of 2022, left property (her house), an annuity, and a life insurance policy to the church. A temporary account needs to be set up for these funds until we discern how to best use these gifts to honor Beth's legacy. Ellen Haase asked Vestry members to let her know if they are interested in serving on an ad

hoc committee to plan how we should use these gifts. Bob Taylor is working with the probate court. Mtr. Suz said the family has taken some of Beth's personal items and donated the remaining items to the Thrift Shop. They left the furnishings in the house and are continuing to pay the utilities. If the Vestry decides to sell the house, we will check with them to see if they have a preference for what to do with the furnishings. The possible value of the house was discussed, as it is in an excellent downtown location where homes sell quickly and for good prices.

ii. Mel Harriss made a motion to approve a temporary fund for the Beth Kunkel Gift; seconded by Betty Snowden. Motion approved unanimously.

Mel Harriss made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Bill Hurst. Motion approved unanimously.

- 2. Alcohol Policy Discussion of the Diocesan guidance and Holy Trinity response. See <u>ATTACHMENT B</u>
 The Diocese has put forth updated guidance for use of alcohol in response to the National Church revisions. Ellen asked the Vestry to review the guidance, especially Bill Hurst as Junior Warden, and Jan Cribb, as Vestry Liaison to the Engagement Committee.
- 3. Annual Diocesan Assessment Determining our plan to return to making our full contribution to our Diocese. Due to lower pledges resulting in a reduced budget for 2023, we did not budget for our full Diocesan Assessment. We have pledged \$25,000; our assessment was \$89,000. Our assessment is based on a rolling three-year average. The Finance Committee, Stewardship Committee, Mtr. Suz, and Ellen Haase will draft a response to the Diocese outlining a plan to return to our full contribution next year.
- 4. **Church-wide Survey proposal:** Our Mutual Ministry Survey is underway. It includes a survey of Vestry members and Ministry (Committee) Leaders and will be finalized this spring. In addition to the MMS, Hap Wheeler suggested we conduct a parish wide survey, as presented in the following motion:
 - a. Hap Wheeler made a motion for the Vestry to approve a parish-wide survey review to be conducted in 2023. He further moved that the Vestry establish an ad hoc parish-wide survey committee to consult relevant resources, prepare draft questions, consider recipients of the survey, and recommend the procedures for conducting the survey. Hap also noted that it seems prudent that the survey be informed by the outcomes of the Mutual Ministry review but not be constrained by those outcomes. It should endeavor to determine the efficacy of our current ministries and the church leadership and solicit ideas for new ministries. It should endeavor to determine what attracts newcomers and why formerly active parishioners are currently less active or have left the church. Harry Morse seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed with six in favor and three opposed.

REPORTS

1. Rector (Mtr. Suz Cate):

- a. Our Family Ministries Coordinator has put together a "Prayer Partner" packet for each young person who attends regularly. They will be made available this Sunday. She encouraged the Vestry to pick up a packet and be that child's anonymous prayer partner for the season of Lent. There will be a celebration after Easter when the children learn the identity of their anonymous prayer partner.
- b. We have extended an offer of employment to fill our Office Administrator position. We hope to have the position filled within a couple weeks.

2. **Junior Warden (Bill Hurst):** In response to the Audit Report, Bill is undertaking a church property inventory project. He envisions seeking information from our ministry leaders and will need to solicit manpower to count items and obtain original costs. He is just getting started - more information to come.

3. **Sr. Warden Report (Ellen Haase):** Ellen provided Lenten Prayers for the Vestry to consider using when they pray at noon each day.

OTHER

1. Betty Snowden and Jan Cribb reported that Diana Manley has resigned as chair of the Thrift Shop after many years of wonderful service. Judy Surak has taken over as chair. She asked that the Vestry express its appreciation to Diana. Betty said the committee will work with Mike Diemer to select and plant a tree near the Thrift Shop in honor of Diane. The Vestry agreed that between Mtr. Suz and Ellen, we should arrange for a thank you note and gift (possibly a plant) to be delivered to Diana.

2. Bob Taylor recommended the Vestry pass a resolution acknowledging the Financial Review participants. Ellen made the recommendation and the Vestry agreed. Bob drafted the letter and Ellen will send it on behalf of the Vestry and Finance Committee.

The next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 19 March 2023 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Ellen offered the Closing Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Eidson, Clerk to the Vestry

ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment C: Vestry Ministry Assignments

Attachment D: Security Procedures

Treasurer Report to the Vestry, February 18, 2023 Bob Taylor

The 5:00 pm, Thursday, February 9, 2023 Meeting of the Finance Committee was an electronic Zoom Meeting arranged by Rector Suz Cate. Attending Members were Treasurer Bob Taylor, Senior Warden Ellen Haase, Junior Warden Bill Hurst, Jack McKenna, Clem Watson and Rector Suz Cate. Absent members Assistant Treasurer Dorothy Meeks and John Warner were contacted later for their input on the Finance Committee's action items.

- The completion of the 2021 financial review was in January (pages 18-39). Thanks go to Dorothy
 and Evyone and the parish members of the review for their work.
 - The review was very favorable and had five recommendations. The Finance Committee recommends to the Vestry the following action with respects to the Review's recommendations: Review recommendations (in blue) and Finance Committee Recommendations (in black)
 - This review should be begun in March given how many people leave Clemson in the summer and the need to complete before September.
 The Finance Committee agrees and is planning to initiate the Financial Review of 2022 activities in March 2023 with a projected completion for early May 2023
 - The physical inventory should be completed.
 The Finance Committee agrees, and a completed inventory should be a prior for the beginning of 2023.
 - An insurance review should be scheduled with Church Insurance.
 The Finance Committee agrees. In addition, the coverage and liabilities of contract workers needs reviewing.
 - 4) A policy for review of journal entries needs to be established. The Finance Committees agrees, and it is proposed that a review of journal entries be done quarterly by the Finance Committee.
 - Documentation of expenditures needs to be followed more closely. This has already been addressed in 2022.
 - The Treasurer reminded Vestry members in December to instruct their liaison committee chairs to initiate the Check Request Voucher for reimbursements. The Financial Administrator has been reminded of including all documents with the preparing of checks. Moreover, written authorization from minutes of Vestry and Finance Committee meetings for inclusive documentation are being provided to the Financial Administrator. Certainly, all Holy Trinity personnel and members can be more vigilant in providing adequate documentation for expenditures.
 - 6) The Treasurer should review the bank reconciliations each month.

The Treasurer and/or Assistant Treasurer will review the bank reconciliation each month.

- It was noted in the Review a slight discrepancy in W2 entries and the general ledger. In the 2023 SOM for operating, supply clergy will be moved from the clergy salary section to contract labor since they are issued 1099 forms not W2 forms.
- It was also noted in the Review that not all the counters' sheets for 2021 were available for the Review Team. Corrections action is planned for this shortcoming.

2. The separation of the St. Paul's and Thrift Shop Fund into two separate funds was completed.

Account Name	Thrift Shop	St. Paul's	Both
Thrift Shop-United Community Bank	\$14,522.18		\$14,522.18
Thrift Shop-United Community Bank MMKT	\$10,235.06		\$10,235.06
Petty Cash-Thrift Shop	\$100.00		\$100.00
Thrift Shop-Investments- American Funds	\$50,615.25		\$50,615.25
Thrift Shop-Unreal App/DeprAmerican Funds	\$5,081.81		\$5,081.81
Holy Trinity-First Citizens Bank	8	\$56,799.45	\$56,799.45
Total Assets	\$80,554.30	\$56,799.45	\$137,353.75
Duke Energy		\$26.74	\$26.74
Duke Energy	\$93.99		\$93.99
Pendleton Water Works	\$1,472.96		\$1,472.96
Fund Balance	\$78,987.35	\$56,772.71	\$135,760.06
Total Liability and Fund Balance	\$80,554.30	\$56,799.45	\$137,353.75

3. The proposed EDS budget was reviewed, and the Finance Committee unanimously approved the following statement to the Vestry:

"The Finance Committee has reviewed the proposed EDS budget and judged it to be conservative and very sound, thanks to grant application successes and enrollment growth."

It was noted that EDS was providing reimbursement funding of 5 hours per week for the EDS

financial work of the Finance Administrator, budgeted at \$4,000.

- 4. The January 31, 2023 financial statements (pages 5-9) include only one month data and are not reliable indicators of trends. Moreover, many of the maintenance contracts are paid quarterly or annually. However, it does appear that approximately we are on schedule with respect to the 2023 SOM. Some observations of interest include:
 - While the First Citizens Checking account balance (\$32,389.56) appears low, the Parish Hall frozen/burst pipe insurance reimbursement of \$24,900.97 was deposited after January 31.
 - \$60,000 has been transferred from checking to Edward Jones where it will earn \$120 per month
 and will be transferred back to checking as needed in future months (The checking account earns
 no interest).
 - The changes in Building Maintenance Fund and Reserve Fund reflect the transfer of \$44,747.23 to be used for the Nave HACV payments in the spring and the effects of the distribution of earnings approved by the Vestry in January.

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Beginning Balances as of December 31, 2022			
Good Shepard	6,944.41	13.55	
Anderson Fund	79,891.31	155.91	
Reserve		435.46	
		\$604.92	
Percent	0.20%		
Interest Earned In January	604.92		
Ending Edward Jones Balance as 01/27/2023	\$309,973.77		
Transfer from First Citizens	\$60,000.00		
Ending Edward Jones Balance as 01/31/2023	\$369,973.77		
Rec	oncilation		
Account Name	Account #	Debit	Credit
Holy Trinity-Edward Jones-MMKT	1.99.100.106	60,000.00	
Holy Trinity-First Citizens Banks	1.99.100.100		60,000.00
Holy Trinity-Edward Jones-MMKT	1.99.100.106	604.92	
Investment Income-Reserve	4.23.300.100		435.46
Interest Income	4.41.100.110		13.55
Anderson Estate Fund-Investment Income	4.06.300.100		155.91
	Balance	60,604,92	60,604,92

- January Income was \$5.8K under budget with plate being \$5.6K over and pledge offerings being \$11.4K under. Januarys are usually low-income months.
- The excess in maintenance expenses contains the electrical damages and frozen/burst pipe repairs. The insurance reimbursements will be entered as negative expenses to bring these closer to budget.
- Trinity Place budget is off to a good start with collected parking revenues of \$11,529.60 already excessing the \$10,000 budgeted for the year. Notices on football parking renewals are being sent, and revenues are expected to begin in March or April (near termination in July). Door pledges are almost on budget for the month, and the current cash balance is \$38,191.27. Consequently, the Finance Committee is comfortable in proceeding with the renewal of \$5,000 monthly principle only payments for December February (as indicated in the motion in item 5).
- Edward Jones' Money Market Account (pages 10-11) earning for January was 0.2% (or 2.4% annually).
- Episcopal Church Foundation Accounts (pages 12-19) continued to lose money in December (January's statements are expected by the 2nd week in February).
- 5. Additional \$15,000 principal only payment from the gift of \$35,500 from anonymous donor As indicated in the email summary of November 22, 2022 to the Vestry and the Finance Committee, \$15,422.18 of the gift was used to pay off the demolition loan. The Vestry expressed a strong desire to apply the remainder (\$20,017.82) of the gift as a principal only payment on the construction loan. With the available cash balance of \$38,11.27 in the Trinity Place fund and anticipated football parking revenues and continued doors gifts, the Finance committee unanimously voted to recommend to the Vestry:

Motion. Make a principal only payment of \$15,000 immediately with the prospect of making another principal only payment of \$5.017.82 later in 2023.

The \$15,000 principal only payment saves approximately \$8400 in interest over the life of the loan since the 3.3% interest is compounded daily over 15 years. Currently, the payoff date of the 20-year construction loan taken in February 2020 is May 2038 (which will become February 2038 with the \$15,000 principal only payment). The anonymous donor will be again thanked and informed of the principal only payment, the interest saved and the shortening of the payoff date.

6. Update on Kunkel's Estate Actions

Holy Trinity

- has been designated to receive the property at 111 Hillcrest Ave
- has been named beneficiary of an annuity policy with AIG, currently valued at \$89,843.02
- has been named beneficiary of a life insurance policy with American Life Insurance, currently valued at \$73,938.75

Probate of the Kunkel Will was filed on January 11th which means that no disposition of assets can be done until all parties, including possible creditors, have been notified, typically a 90-day grace period. The insurance/annuity policies are not part of probate. Hence, Holy Trinity made application claims as beneficiary for the annuity and life insurance on January 19th. Processing time was estimated from 3 weeks to 60 days for the two claims. At least one certified death certificate was requested and was sent. In addition, a W-4R IRS was requested and was filed. On February 15, a resubmission of the annuity claim was requested and sent.

Currently, Beth's siblings are maintaining the 111 Hillcrest Ave property while there are still personal items which they may want. Suz has a key to the property, and neighbors are keeping watch on the property and occasionally starting her car. However, a Vestry decision will be needed in the future, and the Finance Committee may be asked for financial options. A discussion of options by Finance Committee members was interesting but led to no conclusions or recommendations at this time. The Senior Warden will form a sub-committee of Vestry members and Finance Committee members to investigate the different possibilities of using Beth's gifts for the Parish.



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA STANDING COMMITTEE

STANDING RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, in 1985, the Sixty-third Annual Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina adopted the following Standing Resolution relating to the serving of alcoholic beverages (the "1985 Resolution"):

RESOLVED, that the Sixty-third Annual Convention of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina discourage the serving of alcoholic beverages at church-sponsored social functions on church property.

and.

WHEREAS, in 2015, the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopted Resolution A158, establishing a policy relating to the serving of alcoholic beverages (the "TEC Policy"), and encouraged dioceses, congregations, seminaries, schools, young adult ministries, and affiliated institutions to update their policies on the use of alcohol and other substances with the potential for misuse, taking into consideration 14 enumerated factors; and

WHEREAS, the Standing Committee of The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina, pursuant to its interim legislative authority as set forth in Title III, Canon 2, Section 3 of the Canons of The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina, has determined that it is appropriate to repeal the 1985 Resolution, and, as encouraged by the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, to adopt in its stead a Standing Resolution that substantially takes into consideration the 14 factors outlined in the TEC Policy, to be effective immediately and continue in effect until ratification, amendment or repeal of such Resolution at the 101st Convention of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Standing Resolution adopted in 1985 by the Sixty-third Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina relating to the serving of alcoholic beverages (the "1985 Resolution") be, and it hereby is, repealed; and, further,

RESOLVED, that the following Standing Resolution (the "2022 Resolution"), which substantially takes into consideration the factors outlined in the policy relating to serving of alcoholic beverages adopted in 2015 by the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, be, and it hereby is, adopted:

STANDING RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

- The Church must provide a safe and welcoming environment for all people, including people in recovery.
- 2. All applicable federal, state and local laws should be obeyed, including those governing the serving of alcoholic beverages to minors.

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- Some congregations, schools, young adult ministries, and affiliated institutions of the
 Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina may decide not to serve alcohol at events or
 gatherings. Others may decide to permit a limited use of alcoholic beverages at churchsponsored events. Both can be appropriate if approached mindfully.
- 4. When alcohol is served, it must be monitored and those showing signs of intoxication must not be served. Whenever alcohol is served, the rector, vicar, priest-in-charge, or person in charge of another organization must appoint an adult to oversee its serving. That adult must not drink alcoholic beverages during the time of his or her execution of his or her responsibilities. If hard liquor is served, a server who has successfully completed a training program recognized by the South Carolina Department of Revenue is required.
- Serving alcoholic beverages at congregational events where minors are present is strongly discouraged. If minors are present, alcohol must be served at a separate station that is monitored at all times to prevent underage drinking.
- 6. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages must be clearly labeled as such. Food prepared with alcohol does not need to be labeled provided the alcohol is completely evaporated by the cooking process; however, it is recommended that even in this case the use of alcohol in cooking be noted on a label.
- Whenever alcohol is served, equally appealing non-alcoholic alternatives must always be offered with equal prominence and accessibility.
- Ministries inside or outside of congregations will make certain that alcohol consumption is not the focus of the ministry and that drinking alcohol is not an exclusively normative activity.
- 9. Food must be served when alcohol is present.
- 10. The groups or organizations sponsoring the activity or event at which alcoholic beverages are served must have permission from the clergy, the vestry, or other person in charge. Such groups or organizations must also assume responsibility for those persons who might become intoxicated and must provide alternative transportation for anyone whose capacity to drive may be impaired. Consulting with liability insurance carriers is advised.
- Recognizing the effects of alcohol as a mood-altering drug, alcoholic beverages shall not be served when the business of the Church is being conducted.
- Clergy shall consecrate an appropriate amount of wine when celebrating the Eucharist and perform ablutions in a way that does not foster or model misuse.

and, further,

RESOLVED, that congregations, schools, young adult ministries, and affiliated institutions of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina are encouraged to update their policies on the

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use of alcohol and other substances with the potential for misuse consistent with the 2022 Resolution; and, further,

RESOLVED, that the Standing Committee submit repeal of the 1985 Resolution to the 101st Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina (the"101st Convention") for ratification, amendment or repeal; and, further,

RESOLVED, that the Standing Committee submit the 2022 Resolution to the 101st Convention for ratification, amendment or repeal; and, further,

RESOLVED, that repeal of the 1985 Resolution and adoption of the 2022 Resolution be, and they hereby are, effective immediately and shall continue in effect until ratification, amendment or repeal at the 101st Convention; and, further,

RESOLVED, that the President of the Standing Committee serving at the time for proposal of Standing Resolutions at the 101st Convention be, and hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed on behalf of the Standing Committee to take all such actions as are necessary or appropriate to submit repeal of the 1985 Resolution and adoption of the 2022 Resolution to the 101st Convention for ratification, amendment or repeal.

Carolina as of December 10, 2	022.
Date:	Secretary to the Standing Committee
	The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina

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Holy Trinity 2023 Vestry Ministry Assignments

Ministry Assignment	
Vestry Leadership	
Buildings & Grounds	
St. Paul's	
Fellowship	
Canterbury/Vinery	
Parking	
Family Ministry & Christian Formation	
Stewardship	
Outreach	
EDS/Personnel	
EDS Chair	
Worship Support	
Communications	
Pastoral Care	

+Building Security Procedures for Vestry+

2023

Schedule: Scheduling will be coordinated through the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) application. Schedules will be populated on a quarterly basis. Contact the Parish Admin or Mark Stokes regarding any questions with using MSP

General: At or after 12:30 p.m. on Sundays the designated Vestry member will:

- Check and lock all exterior doors in the Parish Hall. The Altar Guild practice is to lock
 the sacristy door and ensure the nave is secure, however, the designated Vestry member
 should double check that the doors are secure.
- 2. Turn out all lights and close all doors in the individual rooms. Remember to walk up to the second floor as well as in the basement. Use hex keys to disengage the interior bars. Hex key for double doors is hanging on hook, either to the right or to the left. The hex key for the Day School entrance is in the fire extinguisher. Do not forget to check doors in the Day School area: double doors in stairwell next to playground, single doors in baby nursery and toddler nurseries, the single door in the front stairwell, and the basement door out to Trinity Place. The playground is locked so take care not to get yourself "locked out" on the playground. The combination for playground gate overlooking Trinity Place is 0708. The combination for the playground gate at the rear parking lot is 3928. Be sure to set the alarm system by entering in 1219 on the keypad. (directions are also available beside phone in the Tom Davis library)

Kitchen: Please observe the following for security check:

- The coffee pots should have been unplugged and stored in the kitchen. The coffee maker should be turned off and cleaned by the breakfast crew or coffee hour crew. The switch for the Bunn Coffee Maker is on the back of the machine. Green light on the front should be out
- 2. Check Warming Oven-switch off
- 3. Check hood-fans (2) and lights should be off
- 4. Check all ovens and grills to ensure they have not been left on.
- 5. Check all freeze and refrigerator doors are closed completely.
- 6. Check that all faucets and sprayer valves are off
- 7. Check that the dishwasher switch is off, and the vent fan switch is off
- 8. Check that the dishwasher has been drained.
- Check that all bathroom and classroom lights are off on all floors, as well as any lights in hallways controlled by switch.
- 10. Check that all crash bars are released on doors and the doors are latched.

Exception: If there is a meeting or event lasting past 12:30, turn the responsibility over to the host of the event. Make sure this person knows what to do. Lock all doors not being used. DO NOT FEEL YOU HAVE TO WAIT FOR A GROUP TO LEAVE.

If you are unable to serve on your appointed Sunday, it is your responsibility to find a substitute through MSP.