

## **VESTRY MEETING October 10, 2022 (Approved 11/14)**

Submitted by: Mary Hill

### Attendees

Debra Green, Sr. Warden

Gabby Burton

Cynthia Coleman

Harry Van Gelder

Mary Finn

Eddy Fulton, Jr. Warden

Judy Anderson

Nancy Copeland

Mary Hill, Secretary

Sue Carpenter, guest

Darryl Conliffe

Absent: Rev. Alice Sawyer; Cyndi Hernandez (Treasurer)

Opening Prayer by Deb Green, Senior Warden

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

Focus Question/Activity Discussion was held around the following topics: What is bringing JOY? Where do we see God?

September Minutes: Motion made by Gabby Burton to accept Minutes from September's Vestry Meeting.. Supported by Cynthia Coleman. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Communication Seminar Vestry discussed the summary of main points from the Communication Seminar put on by Ellen Ekevag. See attached. Discussion was held as to how we are going to hold ourselves accountable. It was decided that:

1. Vestry minutes would be posted monthly on the website with contact emails for vestry members.
2. Paper copies of Vestry minutes will be available in the narthex.
3. Congregation will be reminded that vestry meetings are open to members and are held the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.unless otherwise noted.

Stewardship Campaign A stewardship letter and pledge cards will be going out soon. Judy Anderson will be addressing the congregation on Sunday October 16th.

Children's Worship Chelsea Strickland has volunteered to start Children's Worship back up with the assistance of Haley Morse and Kennedy Morse. Safe Church training and background checks will need to be done before this can occur.

Winterfest The City of Belleville Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Winterfest Parade on December 3rd. Trinity would like to participate in this as an active contributing member of the Belleville Community. Mary Hill agreed to coordinate this with the Chamber of Commerce and Trinity members. This will be discussed in detail at the Special Events team meeting to be held on October 30th. More info forthcoming.

Website Development Nancy Copeland reported that the average quote is between \$5,500 and \$6,000 to have a custom website designed, developed and implemented. Vestry discussed the pros and cons of this expenditure. A motion was made by Gabby Burton to approve only the first step of the project at this time and to allocate a sum of approximately \$1,000 to \$2,000 for the design phase only. This was supported by Nancy Copeland. Motion was passed unanimously

## **REPORTS AND UPDATES**

Treasurer/Finance Team: Cynthia Hernandez

Cynthia was absent but provided financial reports to the Vestry. Motion was made by Harry Vangleder to accept reports and supported by Darryl Conliffe. Motion carried unanimously.

Friday Fill Up Gabby Burton reported that Friday Fill Up for Rawsonville Elementary is on Sign Up Genius for those who would like to participate. Packing occurs every other Sunday here at Trinity and is going well.

Senior Warden Deb Green reported that the job posting for the part time Office Manager position is on our website, on Indeed, and in the Independent. She is looking forward to reviewing candidates soon. Kitchen certification is in the process and it is anticipated our kitchen will again be licensed within the next three months. Deb Green and Gabby Burton will be our replacement delegates to the Episcopal Convention coming up in Novi.

Junior Warden Eddy Fulton reported that the seeding of the lawn is complete and the lawn looks good. The heat saving reflective film has been installed on the east windows to keep the heat out in the summer..

Priest Report sent by Rev. Alice Sawyer and read aloud by Gabby Burton. While in session, Rev. Alice submitted a letter to the Vestry expressing her feelings of disappointment about the communication and interactions that have taken place between herself and the Vestry as a whole. She stated that going forward, she will continue to preach, preside over the Eucharist, provide pastoral care, and make decisions around the Liturgy. .

Closing Prayer: Gabby Burton

Motion to adjourn made by Cynthia Coleman and supported by Eddy Fulton.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8:32 pm.

Next Meeting Monday, November 14th at 6:30 pm. In Rm 5.