



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2020

In attendance:

Fr. Stephen, Lorna Nixon, Rick Braendle, Anne Trumpler, Bill McGary and Nancy May (who called in by phone)

Apologies: Agnes Rash

1. Fr. Stephen opened with a prayer, and then welcomed Lorna, Nancy, Anne and Rick to the 2020 vestry.
2. Evangelism & Outreach
Lorna contacted the Ronald McDonald House and they are interested in continuing to receive our collected can tabs. She has agreed to take them and will announce in church to see if anyone is willing to help in the collecting to continue this outreach program.

Fr. Stephen explained about the House of Prayer and the status of our submitted grant application for the renovation of Trinity House for this purpose. It is a collaboration with the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany to establish an ecumenical and residential House of Prayer for All People. If our grant is accepted, they have committed to be with us for 5 years. Along with Fr. Stephen, they have met with the Upper Merion Clergy Association and had a positive response from the community. Tax and zoning status will be unchanged. The total cost estimate is \$50,000 which would also be shared by the Sisters of Allegany to the extent of \$10,000 if the grant is successful. We will hear the status of our grant application in early April.

Our 2020 activity agenda was discussed.

- We agreed to have an Education Series four times this year.
- We agreed to hire someone to sing for a trial of six months for up to \$100/week. He or she would lead us in hymns and help with the possible start of a choir. Jay Chadwick to co-ordinate.
- We agreed to include more announcements into the Epistle.
- There was a discussion about St. James School and the possibility of joining as a Trinity team at its annual 5K on April 25th.

3. Activity Reports
Accessibility was deferred until next month when Agnes will be present.
Anne talked about Sunday School and will have more information after talking with the John family. Currently thinking of starting a lending library for their children and then incorporating them into the service.
Buildings and Grounds - Bill talked about getting new rails for our front fence and will get an estimate for next month's meeting.
4. Financial Reports
Rick read his summary of conclusions of the financial reports (previously circulated)
Anne Accepted and seconded by Bill

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5. Confirmation of Minutes of January 26th vestry meeting
Anne Accepted and seconded by Rick

6. General Business

- Agreed to waive a rental increase for the Crestway property for this year since the tenants have made so many improvements.
- Memorial Garden needs some new people on the Board of Overseers. We will think about who to ask to be on this board.
- Rick agreed to oversee the sale of grave plots at Valley Forge Memorial Gardens that Trinity currently owns.
- Agnes' idea of the "Not Yet Over the Hill Gang" will be talked about at next month's meeting.
- Oversight of two raffles was discussed and we will continue to think about who to ask to oversee this.
- Agreed to strip/clean and wax undercroft floor. Work will be done by Dillon.
- Shrove Tuesday plans are set for a supper at 6pm. Will have a donation box instead of charging for admission.
- Agreed to purchase a Holy Week foot washing pitcher and bowl from the Raichle memorial fund.
- Anne read a proposal from the Wardens to change Fr. Stephen's contract from Priest-in-Charge to Rector, instead of waiting until he has been here for 5 years to do so. This will give Trinity permanency for the next 4-5 years and enable Fr. Stephen to guide us into Trinity's future. The motion was proposed by Anne and seconded by Rick and was a unanimous decision. Fr. Stephen will now speak to the Bishop to gain his support.

6. Adjourned at 1:30 pm.