

MINUTES
TRINITY VESTRY MEETING
June 16, 2014

A meeting of the 2015 Vestry was held in the Trinity Undercroft on June 16, 2014, at 5:35 PM.

Present: The Rev. Dr. Luk De Volder; Jack Tebes, Senior Warden; Lisa Omark, Junior Warden; Allan Atherton, Treasurer; Carolyn Gould, Clerk; Caren Carpenter; Duo Dickinson; Marge Eichler; Barbara Hedberg; Peter Jongbloed; Charles Kaywood; Richard Mammana; Robert Orr; Patricia Thurston; Fred Tyrell; Robert Windom; Sarah Woodford

QUICK VIEW

Decisions made:

- **Approved Minutes of May 27, 2014, meeting**
- **Approved Minutes of June 8, 2014, meeting**

Tasks identified:

- **Distribute “Treasurer’s Report on Outreach” to Vestry members**
- **Properties Committee to meet with parishioner regarding plans for upgraded lighting**
- **Review Action Plan Update for next Vestry Meeting**

The Rector opened the meeting at 5:35.

Bob Windom offered an opening prayer.

Approval of May 27, 2014, Meeting (see attached):

The minutes of the Vestry meeting held on May 27, 2014, were approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes of June 8, 2014, Meeting (see attached):

The minutes of the Vestry meeting held on February 8, 2014, with Bishop Ian Douglas, were approved as submitted.

Rector’s Report: The Rector made a special statement to the effect that the Rev. Vicki M. Davis, Associate Rector at Trinity since February, 2012, will be leaving Trinity at the end of June, 2014, after contributing in many ways to the life of the Parish. There will

be a farewell and celebration of her ministry at 11:30 on Sunday, June 29. The Rector has been in contact with the Diocese to arrange for Supply Priests to support the Rector during the period before a new Associate Rector is in place and a search is in process.

Administrative Operations

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented the quarterly report for the 1st Quarter of 2014 (see attached). He reported that, as of the end of May, 2014, pledges are holding up better than expected. The cash balance at the end of the first quarter is good, in part because of monthly withdrawals from the endowment to create a fund to be used to pay off the balance of the loan in the amount of \$150,000 which comes due in November, 2014.

Finance Committee: Bob Windom stated that a subcommittee consisting of him, Al Atherton and Carolyn Gould are looking at the various endowment funds and will report to the Vestry in September with proposed resolutions designed to continue to honor the intent of the donors of the funds. The Rector stated that the Treasurer's Report on Outreach will be distributed to the Vestry following its consideration by the Finance Committee.

Investment Committee: The Rector reported that the Investment Committee has a new Chair, Heather Tookes Alexopoulos, who assumes the position vacated by Sara Stadler; the Committee will continue the process of evaluating the oversight of the endowment.

Stewardship Committee: Jack Tebes announced that Sarah Woodford and Mary Ellen Savage have agreed to serve on the Stewardship Committee, which will update the stewardship brochure. The Committee will be meeting during the week of June 30 to initiate the next stewardship cycle.

Properties Committee: Duo Dickinson reported that the Sexton had sent the Committee a list of projects he had completed and those which need to be done. The Rector stated that a parishioner has offered to assume the cost of better lighting in the church; representatives of the Properties Committee will meet with him to discuss alternatives for new lighting. There was general discussion of the proposed project to enlarge the space in the front of the church.

Nominating Committee: The Committee (comprised of retiring Vestry members) will begin its work in September and will announce the candidates December 1.

Continuing Business and New Business

Action Plan Update (see attached): The Rector requested that Vestry members review the Action Plan materials in preparation for a progress report at the next Vestry meeting. He mentioned the possibility of a grant from the Calvin Institute for funding of architectural services.

Banner Inventory (see attached): Caren Carpenter noted that members of Trinity have made suggestions for additional items, which are also solicited from the Vestry. She said that there is a flexible system available for hanging banners, which could accommodate different sizes of banners. Caren will present a list of recommendations at the next Vestry meeting.

Art Exhibit: Bob Windom reported that about 100 people visited the opening of the exhibit of the work of the sculptor Susan Clinard, which will be in the sanctuary through the end of July. Although members of Trinity were in attendance, many at the reception were from the general New Haven area community.

Perichoresis: The Rector stated that the Perichoresis liturgy project led by Seminarian Zack Nyein will require additional instrumental music. The Rector will make a proposal at the next Vestry Meeting.

Upcoming Dates (see attached):

08/18/14	Vestry Meeting (Prayer: Charlotte Rea; Refreshments: Lisa Omark, Mary Ellen Savage, Cris Sigovitch)
09/07/14	Church Picnic
09/22/14	Vestry Meeting
10/19/14	Parish Meeting
10/20/14	Vestry Meeting
11/17/14	Vestry Meeting
12/15/14	Vestry Meeting
01/19/15	Vestry Meeting
01/25/15	Annual General Meeting

Bob Windom led a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Gould, Parish Clerk

Attachments:

Vestry Agenda

Minutes of May 27, 2014, Meeting

Minutes of June 8, 2014, Meeting

Trinity 1 Q 2014 Financial Status

Banner Inventory – 2014

Action Plan Update

Vestry Calendar