

Corrected Minutes of the Regular Vestry Meeting
Tuesday February 26, 2019
Trinity Episcopal Church – Mobile, AL

The vestry meeting was held at Trinity Episcopal Church on February 26, 2019. Those present were: Father Bailey, Anne Gill, Deacon Terry Goff, Daphne Marcum, Carolyn Watts-Smith, Bradley English, Pat Rodgers, Mike Cadden, Bob Howard, Jameson White, David Arnett, Ben Harris, Mary Stewart Stephens, Martha Jones, Treasurer and Brenda Howard, Clerk. Anna Lisa Tessier was excused.

Father Bailey started the meeting with prayer.

Motion to accept minutes of January 22, 2019 as written made by Anne Gill, seconded by Mike Cadden. All were in favor. Motion to accept minutes of the Special meeting of January 31, 2019 made by Bradley English and seconded by Carolyn Watts-Smith. All were in favor.

The reports from the Senior Warden, Rector, Property and Finance Committee were presented, a motion was made by Mike Cadden to accept the reports and consent agenda as presented. Seconded by David Arnett. All were in favor.

The vestry had visitors from Christ Redeemer Church, Ben Nelson and Ryan, pastors, Meredith who is the key lay leader. They wanted to thank Trinity for their hospitality and wanted to know if there were any concerns with them being here. Bailey announced that there would be a meeting March 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm to explore new ways of doing ministry. He would like 5 or 6 people from both churches to share ideas on reaching out to the people. Those that volunteered are Carolyn Watts-Smith, Deacon Terry Goff, Father Bailey, Anne Gill, David Arnett and Bob Howard.

Ryan from Christ Redeemer offered their help in any Spring cleaning of the church or yard work that Trinity will be doing.

Bailey reported that the Hurley's who rent a space at Trinity, will be moving as the City stated the church would have to rezone with a business renting from us.

Deacon Terry also reported that she had attended a meeting of the Rain Group on February 17, 2019. This is a non-profit group with a mission to restore aid and inspire our neighbors. Monique Rogers Henley is the President. They provided clothing, pillows and blankets to our Project Homeless Connect this year. They have a "Love U, Love U" benefit for children each year in Mobile County supplying uniforms, school supplies, health screenings, financial counseling, home repair and meals. The benefit was not held this year but in 2020 they will hold a Blue Jean Ball February 14, 2020 at the fairgrounds. There will be drinks, food and entertainment. The proceeds from this ball and private and corporate donations will fund the "Love U, Love U" benefit.

Pat Rodgers reported that the Finance Committee recommends paying only the interest on our note and to send \$1,000.00 a month pledge to the Diocese. Discussion was held about paying just the interest, it was felt that we should pay the principle, but all agreed to pay the \$1,000.00 to the Diocese. Bailey let everyone know that next year it will be mandated that all churches pay 10% of their income.

Martha Jones recommended that we pay \$500.00 a month on the line of credit and \$1,000.00 pledge to the Diocese. Seconded by Mike Cadden. All were in favor.

The Finance committee asked that Bailey discuss with Janelle Odom on what to do with the balance of money that was presented to Trinity as a gift. A cruet will be purchased, and it is recommended by the Finance committee that after purchasing the cruet the balance be used for the HVAC. Seconded by Bob Howard. All were in favor. Martha Jones will purchase the other cruet.

Bob Howard discussed the shape of our linens and would like to see new linens purchased. Martha stated there is money in the Altar Guild for purchasing linens, before doing so she will take inventory.

Martha asked that the \$49,000 of the Endowment fund that is being used for the HVAC be moved to a money market and used as needed for that project. We do have checks for the money market. There were no objections.

The Finance committee recommended that a raise will be given to our nursery worker, Jasmine Moultrie. The salary will be \$10.00 an hour. Seconded by Anne Gill. All were in favor. There was an offer for another nursery worker, but she didn't show up or return our calls. Bailey knows of someone from St Luke's that we could consider. Her resume has been sent to Connie Ewing.

A thank you went to Carolyn Watts-Smith for the idea of using the wagon at the church service to collect food for the Food Pantry. It has been a success. Carolyn said how thankful the clients were in receiving fresh greens from Trinity's garden.

St Anne's Guild has received 50 books for the Literacy Project and these books will be blessed at our Easter service.

Bailey ask for everyone to attend our Wednesday night Lenten program and to invite others. We will have a team of greeters with name tags for everyone. There is a sign-up sheet on line for those to volunteer to cook a meal, set up or clean up. There will also be a hard copy in the Parish hall on Sunday.

Mary Stewart Stephens reported that she had a full Stewardship committee and they would be meeting on Thursday night at 5:30 pm.

Daphne Marcum reported that we need 3 ladies for the Daughters of the King to be chartered and those interested to please contact her. Bailey mentioned the Brotherhood of St Andrew, they will also try to get it started.

David Arnett reported where we stood with the HVAC. The Parish hall has air conditioning and heat, the second floor has heat and hoping to have A/C soon. The church was struck by lightning again, the compressor of the unit in the basement was burned out and the flood lights aren't working. The organ was also affected, but the part that was, Jeremy rarely uses it, so the repair on that can wait.

David said we were still having a problem with mildew in the church and Kenny Weiss, the contractor installing our new A/C, suggested that we take the two 4-ton units from the Children's Center and move them to the church, reconfigure the unit already in the basement and purchase a 5-ton unit which would be a dehumidification unit. Our option is do we spend money on the unit that's in there now or do we spend a greater amount of money in the units from the children's center and purchasing a 5-ton unit. Discussion was held on the warranty of the units in the Children's Center if they were moved. David will have more information on this at the March meeting.

Discussion was held on combining our service time to just one service and what time would be acceptable to all.

Our next meeting will be March 26, 2019.

Motion made to adjourned. All in favor.

Brenda Howard
Clerk