

**Vestry Meeting Minutes  
Trinity Church – Milford  
7pm on January 8, 2018**

**Check-in and Opening Worship** (*Peach Warren*)

**Attendees:** Fr. Mac Murray, Ruth Warner, Dwight Kee, Dianne Belamarich, Ginny Starkis, Peach Warren, Lisa Ruggiero, Edla Ann Bloom, Lucille Clinkman, Patricia Peterson, Wayne Stochaj, Dave Scott, Cheryl Eiding Taylor

**Absent:** Cheryl Martin, Gayle Ruscitti, Lyall Chambers

- ✦ Opening Worship – Peach read a prayer from “The World According to Mr. Rogers”.
- ✦ The vestry is keeping Gayle’s brother in law, David Ruscitti, Lenny Baird, Ruth’s great grandchild, Wayne Stochaj’s Mom in prayer and Rev. Susan.

**Housekeeping**

- ✦ Adoption of the Agenda – **A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented. It passed unanimously.**
- ✦ Acceptance of the Minutes of the December 2017 Meeting – **A motion was made to accept the Minutes of the December 2017 Vestry meeting. It passed unanimously.**

**Parishioner Sharing - Comments / Discussion**

- ✦ The 4PM Christmas service was well received.
- ✦

**Treasurer’s Report** (*Cheryl Eiding-Taylor / Karen Carig-O’Neill*)

- ✦ December Treasurer’s Report. Only a balance sheet is available at this time. Everything is on track. We will have recovered to about a \$4K deficit on pledges. The year should close even. The official Treasurer’s report will be finalized by email.
- ✦ Finance Committee Activities
  - Capital Campaign Status (*Ginny Starkis*) – We are at approximately \$175K pledged based on 18 pledges so we are well on our way to a successful campaign. There are four receptions coming up... There should be vestry representation at each meeting.
  - Stewardship – Annual Giving Campaign (*Dianne Belamarich and Dave Scott*) – We’re off by about \$3K to a balanced budget. If at the end of 2018 we are short, we may take funds from the Cleveland Fund, but will do our best not to touch it. Dave suggested a push to have everyone increase their pledge by \$5 per period to help balance the budget.
  - 2018 Budget Approval – Cheryl and Fr. Mac reviewed the 2018 budget. **A motion was made to accept the 2018 Budget as presented. It passed unanimously.**

**Miscellaneous Business**

- ✦ Leadership Recruiting – The best way to recruit is to ask someone if they are interested.
  - Potential Vestry Positions to Fill:
    - 1 Year Positions: Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer, Clerk, Youth Vestry Member
    - 3 Year Positions: Class of 2021 (Incumbents: Patricia Peterson, Lisa Ruggiero, Dave Scott, Peach Warren) – Lisa, Peach and Dave are planning to continue on the vestry.
  - Diocesan Convention Delegates, Alternates and Youth Delegate – positions may be open. The dates of the next convention are October 26 & 27, 2018...This will be Fr. Mac’s last year as Secretary.
  - Stewards of the offering: At least one more is needed to replace one person stepping down and a potential one more moving a way.
- ✦ Annual Report
  - Contact your Ministry Leaders – Dwight has an updated list of what is outstanding. Reports need to be submitted asap. The annual meeting will be held on February 4, 2018.
- ✦ Safe Church Training – Peach thought she would do one in the Fall of 2018. Vestry members and employees should do Safe Church training every 3 years. Employees are required to do a full day training.
- ✦ Calendar/Website
  - The calendar is online. The times are off at the moment but it should be fixed soon.
  - There are lots of new features on the website.

**Warden’s Report**

- ✦ The vestry would like to thank Dwight and Ruth for their dedication. We have been blessed to have them as wardens.

### **Rector's Report**

- ✦ Trinity Institute – We are an official site for the Trinity Institute on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. It starts Friday evening at 7PM and picks up again on Saturday at 9AM with virtual sessions starting at 10:45. The Vestry is encouraged to attend.
- ✦ Johnny Jacks has asked us if we want to advertise on their placemats for \$175. While a couple of people had some opposition, the vestry took a vote and it was decided that we will advertise on their placemats.
- ✦ The annual meeting is Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. We will process upstairs to the last hymn. Vestry members are asked to stand at each door and remind people that the meeting is taking place upstairs. The vestry is asked to come in at 5PM Saturday to help set the parish hall up for the meeting.

### **New Business**

- ✦ Nothing new to report.

### **Follow-up Items for Next Meeting**

- ✦ Pictorial Directory – Barbara and Wayne hope to make a page where people can sign up on different dates.

### **Closing Worship** (*Peach Warren*)

- ✦ The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**CALENDAR:** [See Attached Calendar](#)

## Upcoming Leadership Events:

- ✦ Upcoming Vestry Persons of the Day
  - 14-Jan .....2 Epiphany.....Ginny Starkis
  - 21-Jan .....3 Epiphany.....Edla Ann Bloom
  - 28-Jan .....4 Epiphany.....Lucille Clinkman
  - 04-Feb .....Annual Meeting.....Whole Vestry
- ✦ Vestry Meeting Facilitator- February 12<sup>th</sup>- Fr. Mac
- ✦ 2018 Trinity Institute: Values In Action – February 2 and 3, 2018 - Click [here](#) for more information
- ✦ Annual Meeting – February 4, 2018
- ✦ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Tuesday, February 13, 2018
- ✦ Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, February 14, 2018
- ✦ Lenten Series – 5pm each Sunday in Lent (February 18 – March 25)

## 2017 Events

- ✦ Monthly
  - First Friday – ROMEOs
  - Last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – Community Dinner
- ✦ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Burning of the Ashes
- ✦ Ash Wednesday Service
- ✦ Adult Inquirer's Class (during Lent)
- ✦ Rotating Stations of the Cross in Lent
- ✦ St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- ✦ Community Blessing of the Palms (Palm Sunday)
- ✦ Maundy Thursday Service
- ✦ Good Friday – 3 Hour Service
- ✦ Easter Egg Hunt – Holy Saturday
- ✦ UTO Breakfast
- ✦ Newcomer's Potluck Supper
- ✦ Parish Clean Up Days (Spring and Fall)
- ✦ Pentecost – Mylar Balloons
- ✦ Welcome to Summer BBQ
- ✦ Blessing of the Backpacks
- ✦ Welcome Back BBQ
- ✦ Ministry Fair
- ✦ Blessing of the Animals
- ✦ AGS Walk
- ✦ Fall Senior Social (Covenant Committee)
- ✦ Covenant Evensong and Potluck (Thanksgiving)
- ✦ Thanksgiving Baskets
- ✦ Thanksgiving Meal Delivery
- ✦ Jesse Tree
- ✦ Christmas Fair
- ✦ Caroling to Homebound
- ✦ Ecumenical Christmas Concert
- ✦ Blue Christmas Service
- ✦ Annual Meeting