

Minutes of the Meeting of the Vestry
Trinity Church – Milford
May 14, 2018

Present: Ginny Starkis, Justin Varteresian, Beth Moeller, Lisa Ruggiero, Dave Scott, Peach Warren, Susan Edmondson, Grace Prevelige, Lucille Clinkman, Wayne Stochaj, Gayle Ruscitti, Fr. Mac.

Absent: Beth Moeller, Cheryl Eiding-Taylor

Opening and Check-in:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm
-Susan Edmondson opened with a meditation on mothers.
-We need to keep Fr. Mac's mother, Eleanor, in our prayers as her health continues to decline.
-John Ellis's mother, Anne Marie, passed away this week and we need to keep John and his family in our prayers.
-Congratulations to Grace Prevelige for achieving high honors.

Housekeeping

-It was moved and voted to accept the agenda.
-It was moved and voted to accept the minutes from the April meeting.

Follow up from Previous Meeting

Updates to Parish Membership – The subcommittee has met and will continue working on the list. Gayle will meet with Fr. Mac for his input before the list is finalized.

Confirmation Class Breakfast Fundraiser– The breakfast was a success raising \$939 for Celebration Bags to be distributed by the food pantry. Starbucks donated frozen cake-pops that can be delivered with the bags.

Sign – No agreement was reached on the replacement for the 150th Anniversary sign. Vestry members will provide alternative suggestions for the design to Fr. Mac to be discussed at the next meeting.

Parishioner Sharing

-Ann Marie Lockwood will look into whether there is any interest among parishioners to travel to the 2020 Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, continuing with travel to the Holy Land or other locations, if there is concern about safety. She will disperse information and hold a meeting for anyone who might be interested.
-Gayle reported that some people have been dismayed by singing a different version of the Lord's Prayer during the 10:00 AM service. Fr. Mac mentioned that he also had received some negative feedback but explained that he had preached on the theological appropriateness of the sung version and that he had made it clear that this was a temporary change through the Easter season.
-The regional Laundry Love meeting organized by Mary Johnson was very successful. Four different groups from as far away as Taunton attended. Discussion was productive.
-A new co-chair is needed to work with Dave Scott on the stewardship campaign in the fall.

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-A discussion about leadership focused on the benefits of a retreat and what could be done to organize an overnight retreat that vestry members would make a commitment to attending.

Treasurer's Report (*Fr. Mac presented the Treasurer's report*)

-**The April report** is not yet ready. It will be available at the next meeting.
-**Finance Committee**

Copier – The buyout is complete.

Capital Campaign – The active phase of the campaign is complete. Several additional people have indicated that they will contribute. The current total is 76 pledges for a total of \$345,293.

Air Conditioning – The air conditioning has been installed in the upper parish hall, the Lane Chapel, and the chancel. The contractor has been paid.

Painting Contractor – Painter's Pride has been hired to paint the church and the choir room. Painting will take place in July.

Organ Update – The current organ will be removed May 28-30. Rehab of the organ chamber will take place in June. Installation of the new organ will begin July 23.

Organ Opening – The engineering evaluation by RRC was completed on April 13. We are awaiting their letter and a bill. Harry Baker was contacted and has given a verbal estimate of \$1,450 for wall removal, stud replacement, wall replacement, sill, and paneling.

Insulation – One contractor has been in and another is scheduled to give estimates for insulation in the parish hall ceiling and the exterior walls of the organ chamber.

Rectory Repairs – The kitchen faucet has been replaced, exterior concrete work is complete, the railings have been started, and the deck drainage system is in process. The woodpecker issue has not been resolved. The damage is ongoing and considerable.

Kitchen – Dave Scott will put together a plan. The kitchen crew met and generated a list of items/changes they would like. John Ellis will contact Dennis LaPlante.

Treasurer-in-Training – The FinCom and Vestry will work on identifying someone to become treasurer-in-training for a year and then take over as treasurer.

Cash Flow – Cash flow is fine right now but later in the year we may need a bridge loan from the Diocese or to borrow from ourselves as we complete our projects.

Wardens' Report (*Ginny Starkis and Justin Varteresian*)

2018 Event Planning – Parishioners are interested in social events that are not fund-raisers. Potlucks and an off-site parish picnic keep coming up. Other possibilities include a Paw Sox or other athletic event and day trips to museums and/or gardens. Justin and Ginny will look into options and scheduling. We should also consider a social event to mark the conclusion of our successful capital campaign.

Christmas Fair – Gayle reported that a meeting was held to review last year and discuss the upcoming fair. Several changes have been made among table chairs. Ann Marie Lockwood is taking over the Tinseltown Raffle. We need to tweak several tables and find a way to get more donations for the bake table.

Bishop's Visitation – The Bishop will be at Trinity on May 20. Gayle is coordinating the vestry and leadership luncheon with the Bishop following coffee hour. Beth will coordinate coffee hour as it will be larger than normal. Aida Mitchell will provide the table decorations. Vestry members will provide the food and drinks for the luncheon.

Christian Education Committee – A Christian Education Committee is being formed to identify a new curriculum and format for the Sunday School. Justin, Lisa, and Ginny will be on it.

Rector's Report (*Fr. Mac*)

Confirmation Class - This year's confirmation class of thirteen young people has been wonderful. Their fund-raising breakfast was a huge success. A new two-year class will be starting in the fall. Co-leaders are needed for the new class.

Trinity Historiographer – Steve Ketcham, who has been doing research and collecting information on Trinity, was unanimously elected Parish Historiographer.

Bible Challenge – The Bible Challenge is an opportunity to read the entire Bible over the course of a year and to meet and discuss with others. Fr. Mac has put together a guide with a list of all the readings. Discussion meetings will take place weekly at 10:15 on Wednesdays after the 9:00 Eucharist and monthly on the second Sunday of the month at 5:00 with a simple supper.

New Business:

Milford Area Humanitarian Coalition- MAHC is looking for volunteers to help with their booth at Milford Day in the Park on May 19.

Follow-up for Next Meeting

-New co-chair for stewardship campaign
-Treasurer-in-training
-Sign
-Events
-Membership List

Adjournment

-Susan led the vestry in prayer.
-The meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.