

Vestry Minutes

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Oxford, Ohio

July 9, 2019



Present: Sara Palmer, Rector; Pete Lindsay, Sr. Warden; Hugo Olaiz, Jr. Warden; Stacey Peterson, Clerk; Vestry members: Martin Ganev, Ken Grabach, John Harper, Lisa Herrmann, Bonnie Mason, Chris Shoker; Guest: Bill Bausano

Absent: Jim Michael, Treasurer; Vestry members: Ellen Reister, Debbie Williams

Spiritual reflections led by Hugo and followed by a tour of various spaces around Holy Trinity. Vestry members visited the undercroft, old nursery, organ blower room and library. Hugo provided readings along the way reflecting on how other churches use and share space. There was discussion about what the various rooms had been used for in the past, what they're being used for now and what they could be used for in the future.

Agenda for 7-9-2019 Meeting: Unanimously approved via a post-meeting email – Pete moved and Margaret seconded.

Approval of 6-11-2019 Vestry meeting minutes: Unanimously approved via post-meeting email – Pete moved and Margaret seconded.

Upcoming activities:

- July 21 – Morning Prayer at 10:30, followed by Reds Game
- August 25 – Kickoff of Capital Campaign
- August 22-23 – Miami students return
- September 8 – Bagel and Deli lunch to welcome back students
- September 15 – Rally Day with committee tables and lunch
- September 30 – Ingathering of pledges for Capital Campaign

Blessings and challenges: Members shared their blessings and challenges.

Rector's Report – Sara

- At least one new family is expected to start attending Holy Trinity.
- Vacation Bible School was a success, with several families from other churches attending Holy Trinity's service in support of the program.
- Sara represented Holy Trinity at Miami student orientation.
- Interfaith Film Festival will include four movies and maybe a potluck in September. Movies will be shown at Holy Trinity, Oxford Presbyterian and maybe Hillel. The suggestion was made that we consider an outdoor movie.
- Visits with long-term parishioners are underway.
- Sara's vacation: July 23-28, The Rev. Terri Thornton will stand in; and August 7-11, Logan Dysart, Pastor of Faith Lutheran will be on call and The Rev. Canon Lee Anne Reat will conduct the Sunday service.

Summer curb and sidewalk project – Pete

Curbs and sidewalks around the church will be redone in the next three weeks. The work is not expected to interfere with Sunday services, but back-up plans are in place if necessary.

Capital Campaign Vestry's role – Pete

Pete thanked all Vestry members for making commitments to the Capital Campaign.

Report on Diocesan Student Ministry Collaborative grant application – Bill

The grant for the 2019-2020 school year from the Diocese will only cover half of what we requested for the Choral Scholars program. Jim has recommended transferring money that has accumulated from previous years to cover the shortfall this year.

The following resolution was unanimously approved – Ken moved and Hugo seconded:

Whereas Holy Trinity requested a renewal grant of \$10,543.00 for the Choral Scholars Program from the Diocesan Campus Ministry Grant Fund and was awarded a grant of \$5,272.00 and that current Campus Ministry Grant funds for Social Media (\$1,480.77) and Study Space (\$3,200) are unallocated, \$3,008.00 from these two funds are allocated to the Choral Scholars Program to make up the shortfall for the 2019-2020 program year.

It was also noted that Holy Trinity received two-thirds of what it asked for to cover the portion of Sara's salary devoted to student ministry.

VPOM responsibilities – Pete

- Reviewed requirements, including the need to find a sub if you can't make an assigned time.
- Make sure doors are open by 10 a.m. on Sundays; don't need to open the Community Wing.
- Make sure lights are on. Request was made that the breaker switch be labeled.
- There can be midweek events, such as a funeral.

Beloved community update – Sara

Holy Trinity is in touch with various community members and groups, including the following:

- PFLAG may have monthly meeting at Holy Trinity.
- Hillel may invite Holy Trinity over in the fall.
- A list is being compiled of families willing to invite a student over for a meal.
- God's House of Praise and Worship may hold a joint service with Holy Trinity.

Need for new members for various committees – Pete

Pete is looking for input on how we should be recruiting people. Most critical: The Nominating and Leadership Committee and the Stewardship Committee each need three new members.

June Financial report -- Pete

Our financial situation is the same as last month: We're doing OK, but there's no wiggle room. Pete reminded Vestry members to add the Financial Reports to their Vestry notebooks.

The June Financial Report was unanimously approved in a post-meeting email – Pete moved and Margaret seconded.

Other business

Three people have volunteered to train as Eucharistic visitors

Chris proposed a parish picnic in September that he and Lara would organize. Date TBD.

The meeting was adjourned following a prayer lead by Hugo.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Peterson

Stacey Peterson, Clerk