

Vestry Minutes

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Oxford, Ohio

May 11, 2021



Present: Terri Thornton, Interim Rector; Pete Lindsay, Sr. Warden; John Harper, Jr. Warden; Jim Michael, Treasurer; Stacey Peterson, Clerk; Vestry members: Rosalyn Benson, Ken Grabach, Glenn Julian, Bonnie Mason, Kathy Mohylsky, Margaret Smith, Jessica Sparks,

Absent: Dave Guilfoyle, Deacon, and Karen Schilling

Spiritual reflections led by Pete

Agenda for 5-11-2021 meeting: Unanimously approved; Bonnie moved and Rosalyn seconded.

Approval of minutes for 4-13-2021 meeting: Changes were suggested and approval delayed pending a revised version.

April Financial Report – Jim Michael

Jim noted the following about the April Financial Report, which was shared in email ahead of the meeting:

- April budget numbers are within the norms of what should be expected given that income is ahead of budget and expenses are under budget.
- Page 4, line 5810 – Mission share is under budget because the parish's revenue was less than projected so the mission share payment decreased.
- Page 6, line 2830 – The note to First Financial Bank is down to \$32,400 because the first of the two Paycheck Protection Program loans has been forgiven.

The April Financial Report was unanimously accepted – Rosalyn moved; Jessica seconded.

Outreach Committee report – Margaret Smith

Margaret reported the following:

- Forty dinners were served at the April drive-in Community Dinner. Forty-five dinners will be ordered for May.
- Mary Bausano delivered donated food to the Talawanda Oxford Pantry and Social Services (TOPSS).
- Nine prayer shawls have been created and given away. The In the Loop group is meeting twice a month – in-person on the second Thursday afternoon and on Zoom the fourth Thursday evening.
- Bonnie is recruiting volunteers to help at TOPSS this summer.
- The Community Needs Awareness group is looking for help sending children to summer camps and addressing food insecurity.

- Outreach proposed giving the \$2,245 Easter offering to the Family Resource Center (FRC) to help with its temporary housing initiative.

A motion to donate the \$2,245 Easter offering to the FRC for temporary housing was unanimously approved – Ken moved; Rosalyn seconded.

Garden issues – Terri

The parish's nine garden areas have become more expensive to care for them. Garden Committee chair Sally Southard has suggest creating a long-term plan to use more native plants that take less time, resources and people to care for them. Elaine Brandner has created a zone map. Sally is hoping one or two Vestry members would serve as liaisons with the committee.

In the discussion that followed, Margaret provided detail on the Garden Committee's recent meetings with various local experts and some future plans for the garden effort.

Bill Bausano tribute –Rosalyn and Glenn

Glenn described the steps taken so far, including:

- A list of 80 musicians who have worked with Bill on church-related performances was created. A letter will go out July 1 inviting them to submit a letter to Bill that will be included in a memory book.
- The plan is to invite to other members of the parish to contribute to the memory book.
- The initial letter would not ask for donations; Glenn would like Vestry's advice on how to ask for cash donations for a gift in a subsequent communication.
- Planning has starting for an in-person gathering. Rosalyn and Elaine are planning the celebration and will get volunteers to help.

Vestry unanimously approved sending a letter to former choral participants and other musicians signed by Holy Trinity – Bonnie moved; John seconded.

Choral Scholars and choir director update – Terri

Terri provided the following information:

- Rex Man, 2020-2021 choir director would like to continue his relationship with Holy Trinity. Details are being worked out on how this will work.
- Phillip Roberts and Terri are working on a letter to the Choral Scholars thanking them for their contribution during the 2020-2021 school year.

Building use – Terri

Alcoholics Anonymous AA would like to return to using the undercroft on Tuesday evenings. Vestry will move its meeting to the nave to accommodate.

Vestry orientation – Terri

Terri is working on getting a date scheduled for new Vestry member orientation.

Building safety and key issues – Terri

Unlocked doors have become a problem recently. Elaine is looking into an issue with the Community Room door that keeps it from closing properly. In addition, a committee will need to be established to deal with the 30+ S keys various parishioners hold.

Technology consultant –Terri

- A Diocese-supplied consultant is available to discuss how online and hybrid worship can work going forward. The consultant's recommendations could help the church apply for a Faith and Life Grant to assist with the transition to hybrid worship.
- John said we need a new camera, microphone system and software, and the Diocese may do a bulk buy to help lower the costs.

New Business

Safe Church Training and Anti-Racism Training will be discussed at the next meeting.

Comments for the Good of the Parish

Ken said his family in Michigan have joined Holy Trinity's online worship over the past year, and they sent a note of gratitude. It's important to recognize that others are being reached beyond our local community, he added.

Closing prayer was led by Pete for the Schilling family.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Peterson

Stacey Peterson, Clerk