

**Vestry Minutes**  
**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Oxford, Ohio**  
**Feb. 14, 2023**



**Present:** Rev. Julie Fisher, priest in charge; John Harper, senior warden; Rosalyn Benson, junior warden; Stacey Peterson, clerk; Vestry members: Jennifer Blair, Glenn Julian, Kathy Mohylsky, Alex Nyquist, Karen Schilling, Margaret Smith, Stephanie Southard, Jessica Sparks and Bill Ubbes; Guest: Sarah Michael

**Absent:** Dave Guilfoyle, deacon, and Jim Michael, treasurer

**Spiritual reflections** led by Rosalyn

**Agenda for 02-14-2023 meeting** was unanimously accepted – Karen moved; Stephanie seconded.

**Minutes for 01-10-2023 meeting** were unanimously accepted – Rosalyn moved; Stephanie seconded.

**Reports and updates**

**Arts Committee Report – Sarah**

Sarah provided a report on the nearly \$20,000 in grants received to support the seasons one and two of the Red Door Community Concert Series. Nearly \$9,600 remain in funds for the concerts; \$5,000 is earmarked for the rest of season two. The Red Door Concert Committee is planning season three.

**Financial Report – John**

In Jim's absence, John tabled the January Financial Report.

**2023 budget – Julie**

Vestry member received copies of the 2023 Budget Report. Julie said there are no significant changes from the previous version and answered a few questions.

Vestry members unanimously approved a note of thanks to Jim Michael for his work preparing the 2023 budget, along with the regular monthly financial reports. Kathy moved; Stephanie seconded.

**Annual Parish Meeting (APM) Nominating Committee report – John**

The nominating is doing final work on the slate of candidates, according to John. He shared a draft of the announcement that would be distributed to the parish.

**APM agenda – John**

John reviewed the draft APM agenda and asked Vestry members to suggest people deserving of recognition; a few suggestions were provided.

**Priest-in-charge report – Julie**

Julie provided the following updates:

- **New parish administrator.** Julie thanked Karen for finding and hiring Christina, who has made progress organizing the office, the parish database, and flower and community dinner signup.
- **Parochial Report.** The financial part is completed. Julie is working on the membership database with help from Christina and some Vestry members. Julie noted the national church requires parishes to provide more detailed information than in the past, including members birth dates.

- **Community activities.** Julie met with NAACP members, participated in Martin Luther King Day events, met with local ministers and attended the monthly campus ministry meeting. She spoke at an Oxford City Council meeting in support of the grant request for the food pantry and Family Resource Center. She has been invited to attend the upcoming PFLAG meeting and will be on an Interfaith Dialog panel at Miami's Art Museum in March.
- **Recent deaths.** Julie is in touch with the families of Judith de Luce and Carol Wilson about possible future services.
- **Pastoral care.** Home and personal visits continue.
- **Lent.** Julie is preparing Lent devotionals. She and Dave are planning the Lenten liturgy and a Stations of the Cross program at 11 a.m., Thursdays, during Lent.
- **Youth.** Julie will do a presentation to combined Presbyterian-Episcopalian youth group on animals and humanity.

#### **Old Business – John**

- **The Parish Directory** was laid out with help from Rosalyn, John, Glenn, Kathy, Karen and Margaret. We're awaiting the proofs.
- **Technical Consulting Partners** recently installed the video cameras, and Jack Southard and John were trained on the software. Additional microphones are needed. Julie thanked John for persisting with the AV project.
- **A Gift and Memorial Ministry** is being set up to handle decisions on the Frank Jordan bequest. Vestry members were asked to send suggestions on the committee's mission and makeup. Parishioners will be invited to take part in it at the APM.
- **Evening prayer and Compline during Lent** was discussed. The consensus was to do evening prayer Monday, Wednesday and Friday, in the chapel, and to stream Compline Tuesday and Thursday, with prerecording as an option. Christina will be asked to send out a sign-up email.

#### **New Business – John**

John is preparing the following resolutions:

- Recognizing Patsy Grabach for her contribution to the Flower Ministry
- Recognizing Margaret Smith for Vestry service
- Recognizing Glenn Julian for Vestry service

#### **Comments for the good of the parish**

- John thanked Vestry members for their thoughtful contributions and prayers; for their work on the Vestry and the other things they do and acknowledged Rosalyn as a "great junior warden."
- Rosalyn encouraged Vestry members to continue to be visible at church services and events, and to wear their pins because people really want more communication and transparency.
- Bill said the \$10,000 Energy Efficiency Grant was by Diocese Creation Care Task Force.

**Closing prayer** led by Rosalyn

Respectfully submitted,

*Stacey Peterson*

Stacey Peterson, Clerk