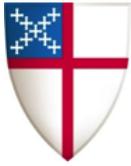


Vestry Minutes
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Oxford, Ohio
April 11, 2023



Present: Rev. Julie Fisher, priest in charge; Dave Guilfoyle, deacon; John Harper, senior warden; Rosalyn Benson, junior warden; Jim Michael, treasurer; Stacey Peterson, clerk; Vestry members: Jennifer Blair, Jeff Ittle, Kathy Mohylsky, Karen Schilling, Stephanie Southard, Bill Ubbes and Gregg Wentzll;

Absent: Alex Nyquist and Jessica Sparks

Spiritual reflections led by Stephanie

Agenda for 04-11-2023 meeting was accepted – John moved; Stephanie seconded.

Minutes for 03-14-2023 meeting were accepted – Stephanie moved; Gregg seconded.

Monthly Financial Reports – Jim

Jim noted the following in the March Financial Report, which was sent to members prior to the meeting:

- Both income and expenses are slightly ahead of budget, but expenses are less so.
- New investment accounts are now on page 5 (lines 1310 and 1320) were created from the Frank Jordan bequest and money that was in Bath State Bank.
- Holy Trinity owes \$1,500 over what was budgeted for its Mission Share contribution.

After a discussion on various aspects of Mission Share accounting, Vestry members unanimously accepted the March Financial Report – Stephanie moved; Bill seconded.

Quarterly Endowment Report -- Kathy

The Endowment Committee's first quarter report and a Statement of Activities for the first quarter were sent to Vestry prior to the meeting. Kathy reported that the portfolio has increased in value slightly this year but isn't back to 2022 levels. After a brief Q&A, Vestry unanimously accepted the First Quarter Endowment Report – Rosalyn moved; Stephanie seconded.

Deacon's report – Dave

Dave reported that the Outreach Committee has proposed sending \$1,000 each to the Talawanda Oxford Pantry and Social Services, Planned Parenthood of Butler County and Matthew 25: Ministries. The money will come from the Christmas offering and funds that are in the committee's budget. Vestry members unanimously approved the request – Rosalyn moved; Kathy seconded.

Vestry members discussed the possibility of setting up a discretionary fund that Dave would manage to enable Holy Trinity to participate in responding to community requests for assistance. The group also discussed ways to encourage holiday offering giving, such as announcing recipients ahead of time and having a bulletin board that with this information.

Priest-in-charge report – Julie

Julie provided the following updates:

- Lenten prayer series was successfully completed.

- She attended monthly campus ministries meeting and is getting to know students at coffee hour.
- Is working on needs assessment plan
- Is impressed with parishioners' enthusiasm around liturgy.
- Conducted a funeral and interment.
- Is planning a baptism for Sunday.
- Will do another presentation to the youth group on May 3.

Old Business

Vestry liaisons for ministry groups – John

Church ministries were identified and sorted into pods, or groups, of related ministries. A Vestry liaison will be assigned to each pod. The six pods are the following:

- Facilities
- Sunday Worship
- Pastoral Care
- Administration
- Community
- Formation

New Business

Each month, Vestry will discuss a topic from the Vestry Resources Handbook related to the following questions: What does a Vestry do? How should members lead? How can we identify and develop other leaders? Junior Vestry members will pick a topic to lead from this list:

- Buildings and grounds
- Clergy relationships
- Developing leaders and building strong leadership teams
- Mission and vision
- Spiritual life of the Vestry
- The Diocese and national church

Comments for the good of the parish

- Rosalyn reported that the new baptismal bowl, created by Rob Abowitz, will be used Sunday. Kip Colegrove wrote a prayer of thanksgiving.
- Bill and Gregg thanked Holy Trinity for letting the Oxford Community Band practice in the church.
- Jennifer announced that she and Ryan will be moving their church home to Cincinnati in the next few months.

Closing prayer led by Stephanie

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Peterson

Stacey Peterson, Clerk