

Vestry Minutes
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Oxford, Ohio
May 9, 2023



Present: Rev. Julie Fisher, priest in charge; John Harper, senior warden; Rosalyn Benson, junior warden; Stacey Peterson, clerk; Vestry members: Jennifer Blair, Jeff Ittel, Alex Nyquist, Karen Schilling, Stephanie Southard, Jessica Sparks, Bill Ubbes and Gregg Wentzell

Absent: Dave Guilfoyle, deacon; Jim Michael, treasurer; Kathy Mohylsky, Vestry member

Spiritual reflections led by Alex

Agenda for 05-09-2023 meeting was accepted with the Deacon report deleted and new Vestry member and fire extinguisher training discussions added to new business – Bill moved; Stephanie seconded.

Minutes for 04-11-2023 meeting were accepted with edit to delete the reference to resolutions of gratitude – Karen moved; Bill seconded.

Monthly Financial Reports – Jim

Vestry accepted the April Financial Report – Karen moved; Stephanie seconded.

Priest-in-charge report – Julie

Julie provided the following updates:

- She's working with Bill for a Formation program on marginalized people in church and society.
- She's started a discussion with students of various options for campus ministry at Holy Trinity.
- A special service is planned for Pentecost, where the Gospel will be read in different languages.
- Trinity Sunday is being considered for an outdoor service followed by a church cookout.
- A service for Judith de Luce is being planned for June.
- The Interfaith Center asked Julie to be part of a program in July.
- The 2022 Parochial Report has been filed with the Diocese.
- Julie has handed off the church's people database to Christina, who is entering and updating the data; it will make next year's Parochial Report easier.
- Julie did a presentation on forgiveness to the Oxford Presbyterian-Holy Trinity Youth Group.
- Trinity Hamilton has invited Holy Trinity to join the Hamilton Pride celebration on June 4.
- Julie is planning some time away in July.

Parochial Report – Julie

Vestry members discussed aspects of the data included in the 2022 Parochial Report, including the decline in online attendance and overall membership. Hiring an audio engineer to resolve audio recording and streaming technical issues was identified as a priority.

Old Business

Pods – John

John thanked Rosalyn for creating the list of pod groups and the Vestry members assigned to each. Vestry members worked out details of the assignments and discussed how the liaison role would work.

Outreach – John

The Easter offering will available and be promoted through Pentecost; it will be mentioned again in Church announcements.

Resolutions – John

Resolved, The Vestry of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church wishes to recognize and express sincere gratitude to the following parishioners and friends who helped make the Lenten season and our Easter celebrations so special:

- 1) Music director Philip Roberts, the Holy Trinity choir, and talented musicians Gregg Wentzell (trumpet), Bill Ubbes (trumpet) and string quartet – Anne Misener, Carter Fogg, Peter Gorak and Lacey Link
- 2) Our Clergy for putting together a wonderful program of worship for Lent and especially Holy Week – Reverend Julie Fisher and Deacon Dave Guilfoyle
- 3) Our Lay volunteers through Lent and Holy Week –
 - Altar Guild - Kathy Mohylsky and Judi Nelson
 - Stations of the Cross - Elaine Brandner
 - Chancel Flowers - Elaine Brandner and Rosalyn Benson
 - Evening Prayer -
Elaine Brandner
Bob Benson
Pete Lindsay
John Harper
Rosalyn Benson
Karen Schilling
Ryan Dye
Sally Southard
 - Compline -
Ken Grabach
Dave Guilfoyle
Julie Fisher
Kip Colgrave
 - Palm Sunday Passion readers -
Bill Bausano
Heather Merhout
Thomas Harper
Henry Harper
Runcie Chidebe
Kade Tibberts
Amy Wentzell
Katie Dunn
Judi Nelson
Kathie Lennertz
- 4) Stephanie Southard and volunteers for executing a marvelous Easter Champagne Brunch
Rosalyn Benson
Alex Nyquist

Amy and Gregg Wentzell
Jennifer Blair
Stacey Peterson
Suzanne Harper
Sarah and Jim Michael
Sally and Jim Gieringer
Kathy Mohylsky
Karen Schilling
Ryan Dye
Patsy Grabach
Jack and Sally Southard

New Business

Trinity Sunday – John

Vestry discussed the possibility of having an outdoor service on June 4, followed by a cookout. This is also Jennifer Blair and Ryan Dye's last Sunday at Holy Trinity.

Fire extinguisher training – Bill

Bill will contact Oxford fire department to find out what sort of training is recommended for fire and CPR. Vestry members also noted that the building needs an automated external defibrillator and people need training on that, as well.

Appointing a new Vestry member – John

Vestry can appoint someone to replace Jennifer, or it can leave the seat vacant until the next election. Members were asked to come to the June Vestry meeting with suggestions.

Comments for the good of the parish

- John appreciated the graphic provided at a recent Formation session that provided a conversation starter for children on LGBTIQA issues.
- John thanked Rosalyn and other cookie bakers and gift donators for the exam goodie bags.
- Rosalyn reminded Vestry members that racism training class is scheduled for May 11 and 17.
- Julie said Christina will let Vestry members and others who need it know how to do Safe Church Training.
- Bill suggested having the Oxford Community Band play on the church patio during Miami Move-In Day.
- Stephanie put visibility strips on the stairs outside the kitchen and would like feedback on them before doing other stairs around the church.

Closing prayer led by Alex

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Peterson

Stacey Peterson, Clerk