

Vestry Minutes
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Oxford, Ohio
June 13, 2023



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

Absent: Dave Guilfoyle, deacon; Vestry member: Jessica Sparks

Spiritual reflections led by Bill

Agenda for 06-13-2023 meeting was accepted with two additions – Stephanie moved; Gregg seconded.

Minutes for 05-09-2023 meeting were accepted with the addition of the resolutions of gratitude and an edit – Rosalyn moved; Stephanie seconded.

Reports

Arts Committee – Sarah Michael

Sarah reviewed the Arts Committee Report that was sent to the Vestry before the meeting. She answered questions about how musicians are selected and paid, and she said the committee is considering concerts at times other than noon. Vestry members thanked Sarah for her work.

Pastoral Care – Sarah Michael

Sarah reviewed the Pastoral Care Report that was distributed before the meeting. In the discussion that followed, she emphasized that the committee would benefit from additional members. Vestry members suggested putting information in the weekly newsletter alerting parishioners to the need.

May Financial – Jim

Jim reviewed highlights from the May Financial Report, which was sent to Vestry members prior to the meeting. He noted the Easter offering (page 1, line 4352) is down significantly, and that interest income (page 1, line 4610) is higher than usual because the church has a new interest-earning account.

Vestry accepted the May Financial Report – Bill moved; Stephanie seconded.

Priest-in-charge – Julie

Julie reviewed her recent and planned activities:

- Plans to meet with the Presbyterian minister to discuss working together on Campus ministry.
- Is hosting an information table at Miami's orientation sessions.
- Is planning a pride-themed service for June 25.
- Is working on planning three funeral services.
- Is discussing with Phillip having an outdoor service in August.
- Will participate in a program on women priests at the Interfaith Center in July.
- Attended with several parishioners in Hamilton Pride Festival.
- Is seeking input from students on revitalizing the Miami Progressive Christian Students group.
- Will be on vacation July 3-30.

New Business

Appointment of new Endowment Committee and Vestry members – John

John said Vestry needs to appoint one person to the Endowment Committee and possibly two new Vestry members. It was determined that the Endowment Committee appointment should wait for Jack Southard to return. For the vacant Vestry seats, current members will reach out to possible candidates to gauge interest.

Pods – John

John said now is a good time to reach out to the parish committees Vestry members are assigned to. Gregg's recent introductory message to Pastoral Care Committee was cited as a good example of how to approach this communication.

Old Business

Facilities updates – Bill

Bill reported that the parish has applied for the Diocese's Facilities Condition Assessment program. A team will inspect the building and report its findings.

Automated external defibrillator (AED) update – Stephanie

Stephanie reported that an AED has been ordered; Bill said he's been in touch with the Oxford Fire Department to plan training.

Vestry approved a motion for the parish to cover the cost of AED – John moved; Bill seconded.

Comments for the good of the parish

- John: The next Vestry meeting will be July 11 even though some people will be away.
- Jim: It's time to start working on the 2024 budget; Vestry members and committee chairs should look at financial report budget lines of interest to them and provide recommendations.
- Karen commented on Sarah Michael's dedication and hard work on the Red Door Concerts. Vestry members discussed the best time to recognize people's contributions to the parish.

Closing prayer led by Bill

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Peterson

Stacey Peterson, Clerk