

TRINITY CHURCH PAWTUXET

Vestry Meeting Minutes: February 14, 2022

Meeting was conducted in person

Vestry members present: Margaret Thomas, Father Mitch, Ann Walter, Nancy Plumb, Barbara Chartier, Gail Anderson, Wayne Barnes, Donna Blue-Tobin, Dawn O'Hara, Maureen Mooney

Members not present: Don Raleigh, Cynthia MacCausland

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes: There were no corrections to the meeting minutes of December 13, 2021, or the Special Vestry meeting of February 5, 2022.

A motion was made to accept the minutes noted above, seconded and approved.

Correspondence:

Margaret acknowledged a thank you letter from the Oakland Beach School for the donations from the Social Outreach Committee. She stated that the letter is posted on the church bulletin board.

Pastoral Report – Father Mitch

Father Mitch spoke about the special prayers provided for Rolland Blom during the January 16th 8:30 service. He noted several family members attended both the service and coffee hour.

Other items of mention:

Dick Deming is hospitalized with congestive heart failure.

A funeral will be held on Saturday, February 19th for Michael Cabral's stepfather

A baptism is planned for 10:00 am. on Sunday, February 27th.

Treasurer's Report- Income & Expense January 2022

Ann Walter presented the January 2022 Income and Expense report indicating that all leases were paid on time and that pledges are all set. Ann noted that \$391 of the \$500 budget for snow removal has been spent to date. She reported that a few pledges have been paid for the entire year.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded and approved.

Junior Warden Report and Senior Warden Report

Senior Warden, Margaret Thomas presented the Junior Warden's report in Don Raleigh's absence in addition to the Senior Warden's report.

- work has been completed on the back door of the church (fire exit door)
- update on rental space noting this information was also provided to the Diocese
- reported she is in discussion with a woman from a vegan food company for the use of the kitchen. She indicated there has been no response to date.
- there are plans to contact several non-profit organizations regarding meeting space rental.

- mentioned that a suggestion was made to add a donation button to Trinity's Facebook page. This would link to the church's checking account.
- research is continuing for the stained-glass project. Margaret indicated that both the New England Stained Glass Company and another stained glass company in Foster have stated that Trinity's stained glass windows are in remarkable shape for their age.
- work continues in the cleaning out of the storage rooms, noting there are archives in the closet upstairs.
- boilers were inspected (inspections due every 2 years)
- vent in the back will be repaired soon. It has a very small carbon monoxide leak.
- elevator is due to be inspected.

Margaret reported that Nancy Dorsey suggested promotion of scholarships available to the parish including adult education, camp programs, art, science and sports. Nancy Plumb suggested pre-school support.

New Business

Role of the Vestry

Father Mitch commented on the role of the vestry during the transition process. Margaret followed up with an overview of the role of the vestry during the search for a new priest. She noted that the primary responsibility of the vestry is finances.

Vestry members were provided with 2 documents for review regarding the search process including:

- Covenant of Understanding Upon the Departure of the Clergy
- Search Process Outline (draft)

Donna Blue-Tobin suggested that the annual report would provide comprehensive information for the prospective candidates during the search process.

Vestry members were provided with the 2022 Vestry list and Vestry Liaison assignments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

A special Vestry meeting will be held on March 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The next regular Vestry meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Mooney, Vestry member