

TRINITY CHURCH PAWTUXET

Vestry Meeting Minutes- December 13, 2022

Vestry members present: Margaret Thomas, Donna Blue Tobin, Ann Walter, Wayne Barnes, Barbara Chartier, Maureen Mooney, Nancy Plumb, Bruce Beattie, Dawn O'Hara, Mother Tanya.

Members not present: Gail Anderson, Cynthia MacCausland

The meeting was called to order at 5:19 p.m. Ann Walter led the opening prayer.

Corrections

Page 2(b) of Treasurers Report – Repair and Maintenance – minutes should read “we have incurred \$2750”

Page 2(j) – minutes should read “we may need to **elect** a Junior Warden”

Page 3(n)- Worship – should read *Sanctuary*

Clarification

Page 1(d) of Priest in Charge Report – should read “feeling gratitude for the support offered by the Trinity parish”.

A motion was made by Barbara Chartier and seconded by Donna Tobin to accept the November 8, 2022 minutes pending corrections noted.

Senior Warden report:

Senior Warden Margaret Thomas acknowledged a thank-you letter from Wyman School for the Thanksgiving donation and from Marilyn Place, Church of the Transfiguration for the food collected from Trinity for October. She also mentioned letters and donations received from funerals of Raymond Stomberg and Georgeanne Lima.

Margaret asked Nancy Plumb to provide an update on the fundraiser of Christmas bark. Nancy indicated that 73 bins of Christmas bark candy were sold for a total of \$1085. A profit of \$743 was obtained and all candy bins were sold.

Pastoral Report- Mother Tanya

Mother Tanya reported that a “surprise” donation of \$1000 was received from Joyce Fleisher, a neighbor. A thank you note was sent from the church and the donation was gratefully acknowledged.

Mother Tanya expressed gratitude to Barbara Chartier and Margaret Thomas for their assistance on the nominating committee for the Vestry.

Mother Tanya spoke of a recent funeral for Bette Speel.

Mother Tanya spoke about the various programs and activities occurring during the Christmas season.

- The Christmas in Pawtuxet event was held on Sunday, December 11th (4 p.m.) and was well attended.

The music was joyous. She expressed gratitude that Pastor Irving Scoby from Pawtuxet Baptist Church and Pastor Eddy Lopez from the Church of the Transfiguration were in attendance.

- The Adult Faith Formation series is being held at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays (November 27th, December 4th, 11th and 18th). This time frame allows members of both services to attend. Mother Tanya mentioned the readings, the stories and the sharing of experiences. She and others commented about the wonderful opportunity for the attendees of the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. service to be brought together, once again.

- The Blue Christmas Service is to be held on Wednesday, December 21st at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. She noted this is the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year.

Treasurers Report

Ann Walter provided the report Budget vs. Actual from January through November 2022.

Several budget items were mentioned and discussed including:

- Non-Pledge Offerings/Donations	\$13,441.02
- Building related offerings (men's room)	\$1,600.00

Ann noted that there is a surplus of \$10,032.25 primarily due to the use of supply clergy before Mother Tanya joined us.

An update and discussion followed regarding several repair and maintenance expenses including work done in the sacristy, air conditioning, the installation of the office lock, plumbing concerns and bat remediation.

A motion was made to accept the report as presented by Bruce Beattie, seconded by Margaret Thomas. All in favor.

Ann Walter indicated that the 2023 budget will be presented on January 10, 2023 and will be voted on at that time.

Old Business

Bruce Beattie was acknowledged and thanked for serving as Junior Warden for an interim period. Both Bruce and Donna Tobin were acknowledged and thanked for serving on the vestry. Donna will be running for her own term in 2023.

The Nominating Committee had one meeting. Donna Tobin will be running for her own vestry term. Rob Duncanson has agreed to run for Junior Warden.

There was a discussion regarding stewardship and pledges. It was reported that all but a few calls need to be made. Pledges appear to be down however non-pledge offerings were up. The collection plate is now being passed. A full report will be available for the next meeting.

A discussion followed about annual pledging and estate planning as well as automatic bill paying options. It was noted that this is a missed opportunity, and all should be considered. This will be addressed at future meetings.

Discernment Priorities

Mother Tanya led the vestry in an overview and discussion on discernment priorities. These priorities were listed as:

Worship- Audio, cleanliness of sanctuary, windows maintained, carpet, HVAC and temperature control, ramp/accessibility, stairs at entrance, signage- ramp not marked, chapel maintenance, “curb appeal” banners

Faith Formation -Organization in all spaces, white board, TV way to show videos, stands, bathroom spaces, clear away all unused and not-working items, room dividers, accessibility (elevator), windows/blinds, updated flooring (dirty), updated resources and toys

Other priorities mentioned include – nursery update – carpet, upright piano tuned, get rid of console piano?