

TRINITY CHURCH PAWTUXET

Vestry Meeting Minutes: November 08, 2022

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

Members not present:

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Mother Tanya Mother Tanya asked for everyone to say something going well and something we can pray for.

Mother Tanya lead an opening prayer.

Minutes

Corrections (They were titled September minutes) - corrected to October 11, 2022 Vestry Meeting Minutes

wayneatpawtxt@aol.com new email for Wayne Barnes.

Ann noted several scrivener's errors and punctuation mistakes. She has supplied a corrected copy of the minutes to Margaret for correction.

A motion was made to accept the October 11, 2022 minutes pending Anne's corrections noted above, seconded and approved.

Correspondence

Priest in Charge Report

- a. We received a Diocesan Grant for the windows.
- b. Mother Tanya is available here on Tuesdays and Fridays around her RIC schedule.
- c. Mother Tanya is asking for discernment and thoughts as to supporting the food bank at RIC along with potentially several other churches.
- d. There have been three funerals since Mother Tanya started - feeling gratitude for the people of Trinity.
- e. We need ushers and we need to start passing the plate.
- f. Also related to safety training we need a consistent group of ushers.

Margaret Report on the Windows \$14,500 Grant Donations (\$7,725)

Treasurer's Report

Ann Walter presented the Treasurer's report: Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through October 2022.

- a. Page 2- Building Related Offerings - We have incurred \$2,225 in expenses and budgeted \$800 and that doesn't include funds regarding the windows.
- b. Page 4 - Repair and Maintenance. We have incurred \$8,764 and budgeted \$2,750.
- c. Page 2 - Self Employment and Pensions Contribution categories we have additional expenses now where Father Mitch did not take certain elections as he was already collecting his pension.
- d. Page 3 - Audio. We have incurred \$1,124 and budgeted 0. There have been many improvements and it continues to be a work in progress.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report noted above, seconded and approved.

Mother Tanya Addressing the Nominating Committee:

- e. Reviewing By-Laws it appears Vestry Members are elected for a three year term and not re-elected.
- f. Officers do need to be elected every year - Wardens, Treasurer, and Clerk. That needs to happen at our Annual Meeting in January 2023.
- g. We need to elect two positions whose terms are set to expire. Donna Tobin is filling in as an Interim Vestry Member and Bruce Beattie is filling in as Interim Junior Warden.
- h. We need to name a nominating committee, including the Senior Warden. There is a spot for a second vestry member.
- i. We will nominate Donna to continue in her position.
- j. Bruce is uncertain whether he is able to continue in a new term. So we may need to elect a Junior Warden.
- k. Barbara Chartier will be the second vestry member and we need two members from the Corporation (Congregation).
- l. A suggestion for Kelly Eldricken and Jeff Weaver to be included. Mother Tanya will reach out.
- m. It is important to seek and advertise for nominations so that people have an opportunity to come forward.

A motion was made by Mother Tanya for the Vestry to appoint Margaret and Barbara to the nominating committee and also to ask Kelly and Jeff to be on the committee, seconded and approved.

Mother Tanya

Addressing our facility and our facility needs and engaging in a process of discernment.

Thinking about the long, never-ending list of needs and also thinking about the things we want to do to make our facility more beautiful and more inviting. Balancing against our limited budget and resources.

Focusing on the profile we created with Cannon Deena - (The four priorities that stand out from our profile)

Thinking about these four priorities what are the facility's needs that allow us to do these things well? What do we need for each category.

n. Worship

- Improvement in Communications, including the mic and the audio.
- Cleaning and Maintenance of the Sanctuary - vacuuming - polishing the pews.
- The integrity of the facility itself, including the windows.
- Replacing the carpet and addressing those aspects of the facility that create and contribute to first impressions coming into the building.
- HVAC Condenser, especially to help maintain the organ.
- Accessibility, including the ramp and the front stairs. Review code standards and requirements, including signage.

o. Faith Formation

p. Social Outreach

q. In Reach (the way we care for each other as community and the way we build community together)

Remember Christmas in Pawtuxet at 4 pm Sunday 12/11 (before the next Vestry Meeting).

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Adjournment 7:05 pm
Next vestry meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2022

Closing Prayer!