

TRINITY CHURCH PAWTUXET

Vestry Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2023

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

Members not present: Cynthia McCausland

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. Dawn O’Hara led the opening prayer.

December Minutes

Corrections: Several corrections were noted on the minutes from the December 13, 2022, meeting.

A motion was made by Ann Walter and seconded by Bruce Beattie to accept the December 13, 2022 minutes pending corrections.

Pastoral Report – Mother Tanya

Mother Tanya reported on the various Christmas services and expressed her gratitude for all the work done behind the scenes. She mentioned the work of the Alter Guild, the children’s pageant and the Blue Christmas service. She noted the importance of offering that service to those who have experienced loss and expressed how moving the service was.

Mother Tanya mentioned that the first meeting of the pastoral group was held and commented on the good energy presented. The meeting was led by Nancy Dorsey.

Treasurer’s Report

Ann Walter presented the 2023 budget stating it will be presented at the annual meeting on January 22nd. She stated there is a \$16,000 surplus. Several line items of the budget were reviewed.

- Repair and maintenance line items include bat remediation, plumbing repairs and maintenance, HVAC repairs, sacristy window repair, waxing of floors.

Ann explained that much of the window repairs were paid for by fund raising efforts, and a grant from the Diocese.

- Social Outreach account which is funded through grocery cards and the sale of such

- Line item for Memorial flowers was up as well as building donations (bathroom)

- Funeral donations

A motion was made by Bruce Beattie to approve the 2023 budget, seconded by Nancy Plumb. All were in favor.

The 2023 budget will be presented at the upcoming annual meeting.

Other items of interest were discussed in a general conversation.

-- It was suggested that auto payments be explained and emphasized to the congregation for ease in payment.

Ann Walter provided further insight on the current budget including:

--When a person moves, the pledge is often lost and thus the receipts are lower

--Memorial flower donations were up

--Building donations were up

--Funeral donations were up

--Increase in clergy compensation due to 2.5% cost of living increase (as a step up in another year of service, pension contribution). It was noted that Father Mitch was receiving his pension, and did not need a pension contribution)

It was noted that there is a need to have additional hours for Mother Tanya so more can be done.

A brief discussion occurred on how this can be addressed in the future.

-Secure more tenants to utilize our building

-Additional fundraising efforts

-Higher lease amounts

- Promote use of Parish Hall for events

A motion was made by Bruce Beattie and seconded by Barbara Chartier to present the budget at the Annual meeting on January 22, 2023.

It was noted that the annual reports are due on Sunday, January 15th.

Mother Tanya expressed her gratitude for all the hard work and diligence provided by the Finance Committee under Margaret Thomas's leadership. She also thanked Bruce Beattie for his service on the vestry and noted he would continue serving on a new property committee.

Nominating Committee

It was reported that the Nominating committee held 2 meetings to present the following for a vote.

1. Donna Tobin, Vestry member
2. Rob Duncanson, Junior Warden
3. Maureen Mooney, Clerk
4. Jeff Weaver, Vestry

Dawn O'Hara led the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Next Regular Vestry Meeting: February 7, 2023.