

Trinity Church Pawtuxet
Vestry Meeting October 8, 2024
Minutes

In Attendance:

Class of 2024: Gail Anderson, Wayne Barnes, Dawn O'Hara, Margaret
Thomas-Senior Warden,

Class of 2025: Rob Duncanson- Junior Warden, Ann Walter-Treasurer, Bill Caldwell,
Donna Tobin,

Class of 2026: Kevin Cliff, Carol Deming, Ginny Simms- Secretary/Clerk

Guests: Trinity's Search Committee- Bruce Beattie, Eugenia daSilva, Nancy Dorsey, Katie
Duncanson

Opening Prayer: Meeting was opened in prayer by Margaret.

The September 2024 minutes were reviewed. Motion made to accept minutes (Ann) with the proviso of the inclusion of the corresponding financial report, seconded (Rob) and unanimously passed.

Reports:

Treasurer: Ann presented the financial statement (January- September 30, 2024) noting that Trinity has a net operating total of \$4,589. Trinity is in a better financial position than was originally budgeted. Motion to approve (Donna), seconded (Bill) and unanimously passed.

Senior Warden: Margaret proposed 2 motions. The first in preparation for the Bay Room furniture/remodel so that the team gathering materials has a little wiggle room. Donations for the room are still coming in but this will allow the team to get started. The second motion is to cover the expenses for work already done regarding the electrical and A/C changes in the Bay Room. The electrical work was more than originally budgeted and approved and in removing the old A/C there was some damage that needed repair. In addition the old A/C was reused and placed in another room which required some electrical work. As a matter of record-keeping, the extra funds from the Bay Room flooring would cover the over-budgeted amount of the A/C electrical work.

Motion #1: To authorize up to \$4,000 for furniture and accessories for the Bay Room remodel (Carol), seconded (Rob), unanimously approved.

Motion #2: To authorize total of \$1,130.00 to cover the \$470 over budget of the electrician for Bay Room A/C and \$653 for the repair of removing old A/C and moving it to another room. (Donna), seconded (Rob), unanimously approved.

The remainder of the vestry meeting - approximately 2 hours- was dedicated to the Search Committee and the interview of the proposed candidate by the vestry committee. The Search committee explained their decision making process and their concerns and how they came to decide that this was the best candidate for Trinity. The Vestry then met the candidate and was able to ask questions to the candidate. It was a frank and open discussion.

The candidate then left and the Vestry voted. The particulars for the candidates package will be discussed later. The compensation would be within the budgeted amount. The candidate's position will be 1/2 time- twenty hours per week. Due to the candidate's experience it was mutually agreed that this would be a good match. The candidate had also acknowledged that going forward, Trinity could support a full-time priest if that is what the church would decide. The candidate is planning ministry programs that would move Trinity forward.

The Vestry concluded the discussion with prayer for discernment, God's best for Trinity and unity of the church.

The Vestry then voted to affirm the call of priest-in-charge to Mother Susan Wrathall. The vote passed. The position will be offered and the paperwork with the Bishop's office is to be completed before any announcement to the congregation.

Motion to adjourn (Margaret), seconded (Rob), unanimously agreed.

Next Regular Vestry Meeting: November 12, 2024

