

Vestry Minutes

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity

Regular Vestry Meeting

November 9, 2020

Parish Hall and via zoom

Members Present:

Fr. Bob Hennagin, Rector; Carla Holeva, Sr. Warden; Brenda Avelar, Gretchen Bakke, Anne Hover, Jim Leeton, Misti Schoonover, Al Telck.

Unable to attend: Jerry Gomez, Orman Hubbard, Terry Jolliffe, Kate Menaul, Robbie Shepard.

Treasurer: Paula Howbert

Fr. Bob called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and opened with a prayer.

The minutes of the October Meeting were approved as presented.

Paula Howbert presented the Treasurer's report, it will be filed.

Jr. Warden Report:

- Al has located ladder back chairs for the columbarium area. Discussion followed. CARLA MOVED TO ORDER 18 CHAIRS AT \$114 EACH FOR THE COLUMBARIUM. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Al reported on trees in the playground and in the west parking lot. The playground tree is dead and the parking lot tree has oak wilt. He recommended that they be removed at a cost of \$1423.00. AL MOVED TO REMOVE 2 TREES AT A COST OF \$1423.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

Senior Warden Report:

- She discussed the Mutual Ministry Review and suggested due to Covid-19 that we wait until a future date to decide how and when to proceed with the Review.
- She reminded vestry members that we will be nominating candidates to fill the spots for the four retiring vestry members. She will form a nominating committee as per the HT Canons.

Rector's Report:

- Births: Molly Leeton Misleh (Jim and Barbara Leeton's grandchild) Jack Wright Cunningham (Mike and Kelly Cunningham's grandchild).
- Covid-19 Update: Due to MMH having a 28% COVID occupancy rate, we decided to close in-person worship. We are live-streaming both the 8:00 and 10:30 services. 2 choir members have tested positive. We think they were not in close contact (as defined by the health department) at church with anyone else. Two others are isolating because of possible contact. Two other

members of HT that have not been inside the church since March are sick with one in the hospital.

- Permanent Live Streaming/ Video Production System Update: Fr. Bob reported frustration with the AV system installation. He wrote the manager about the this and a tech installed more wire. New speakers and an audio assistance unite are being added to the original plan.
- Pre-School (Update): The pre-school plans to open on Wednesday, September 16 aligned with the MISD schedule. They decided not to raise tuition this year. The "Meet the Teacher Day" is September 14. They have a good cleaning protocol.
- Construction on Ohio: New water lines are being installed on Tennessee, East and West Broadway, Ohio H and maybe G streets.
- Community Assistance: Holy Trinity is seeing a sharp increase on requests for gas and grocery help from the community. Twenty-five dollar gift cards from United and Exxon-Mobil are being distributed by staff to any requests with no questions asked, but limited to one of each.
- Bookstore Bank Account: There is a balance of \$7,118.35 in the bookstore bank account. It was the consensus of the vestry to transfer this balance to the Memorial Fund.
- Vacation: Fr. Bob will be out of town on Sunday, December 6. He has asked Jim Liggett to take the services. He may take the week before or the week after as a vacation.
- Boy Scouts: The BSA has declared bankruptcy, in part, as protection against sexual abuse claims going back years. The National Churches legal team has recommended that all parishes that have had any sort of relationship with BSA file a "proof of claim" with the bankruptcy court to be protected if a claim is filed naming HT has litigants. The diocese has agreed to file a proof of claim for all parishes that wish to be included. After talking with Jim Leeton, Fr. Bob asked the diocese to include us in that filing. To our knowledge, there have not been any allegations of abuse from our former troop.
- Outreach: Food drive for Jubilee Center will be November 18. Non-perishable food will be collected in the parking lot from 5:30-7:30. This event replaces the All Parish Thanksgiving Feast this year.

Other Business:

- Gretchen Bakke reported on the pledge drive. There have been 40 cards returned. She reminded the vestry to return their cards.
- Jim Leeton asked about the status of the labyrinth project. Al said that the exact costs and location of it are being researched and the vestry could make the decision in January. Carla requested to keep Cindy Olive informed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Fr. Bob closed with a blessing. The next vestry meeting will be Monday, December 14 at 6:00. Location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Hover, Clerk of the Vestry