

**HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING AGENDA**

April 10, 2024

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. [Isaiah 43:19]

Present: Pastor Dan Purtell, Lynn Garland, Robin Yates, Nancy Waugh, Jean Frost, Cat Reith-Lowery, Eileen DeMings, John Grant, Dave Monroe, Ryan Bousquet

Regrets: Susan Howland

HOLY EUCHARIST

OPENING BUSINESS

Acceptance of Minutes March 13, 2023 – Jean Frost – **A motion was made to accept the minutes from the March 13th Vestry meeting, it was seconded and carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Waugh **A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, it was seconded, and carried.**

Review of Audit - Nancy reported that the auditor commented on how well the audit went. **There was a motion made to accept the results of the audit, it was seconded, and carried.**

PRIEST'S REPORT

Welcome Pastor Dan! Pastor Dan has felt very supported through this time of getting started at Holy Trinity, and he feels it's going well. He and Nancy will go to get his signature authorized for the Priest's Discretionary Fund tomorrow.

Pastoral Care Check-in

Debriefing: What have we done well? Good Friday afternoon in the church with the young people. The teens went through stations with the last words of Christ – thinking about the words and offering their thoughts; the transition in general – communication has been good, people are interested and open to whatever is coming; the Maundy Thursday Vigil overnight into Good Friday was a very sacred time, all the time slots were filled. The Daughters of the King induction and brunch afterwards, Traci made French Toast and bacon in thanksgiving for what Holy Trinity has given to her. Emily Thompson made up a sandwich board with Holy Week services and times.

What could we have done better? The sign out front should be updated more frequently so it looks like there is life inside. Holy Trinity Church is not included in the religious news section. Having an article in the newspaper about our new Priest-in-Charge would be nice.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deciding plans for activities to accommodate new worship time:

Coffee Hour – Cat reviewed the Coffee Hour Survey results - 37% of people wanted a full coffee hour after the 11 am service, another 18% would like just coffee before

the service but full coffee hour after the service. So, a majority wanted coffee hour after the service. We can start with that and work into possibly having coffee prior to the service, logistics will need to be worked out.

Choir – Anne will most likely start rehearsals at 10:15 am.

Family Worship – The first Sunday of the month the youth are involved in the service as readers, ushers, acolytes.

Teen Group – They will meet once a month before the service.

Plans for the International Dinner on April 27th – Dave Monroe – The event will begin at 6 pm, starting with dinner and moving into the Cabaret as the flow takes it. Dave would like to encourage adults to participate, helping to set an example for the youth. It will be held in the parish hall, pot luck style dinner. Bethlehem Lutheran has been advertising and Pastor Dan is planning to attend. (Game night third weekend in June) They are also planning to serve at Rosilda's kitchen at the Methodist Church.

Appointment of members to the new Collaboration Committee – There will be three members from each parish, 1 person from Vestry/Council, the other two not members of the Vestry/Council – Cat Reith-Lowery volunteered and Dave Monroe offered to be back-up. Suggestions for members from the congregation – Lynn will speak with the individuals whose names came up during discussion.

MINISTRY REPORTS

- Communications – Cat Reith-Lowery, John Grant – all seems to be going well
- Building Committee – Tamsin Lucey – Cat reported that Nate is Serve Safe certified, Tamsin has spoken with Nate about filling in when she leaves.
- Cooking for Life – Tamsin Lucey – no report
- Landscaping Committee – Lynn Garland – Cat would like to get the Girl Scouts involved with care of the garden, the bulb flowers need to be removed from the church, landscape committee may take them and plant them at an appropriate time. The committee has a list of what needs to be done. John Grant is organizing the lawn mowing rotation.
- Family Worship/Faith Formation – Eileen DeMings, David Monroe - Eileen leads the Faith Formation group, she will get together with Pastor Dan to talk about when to get together to plan for the next season – Faith Formation for all ages.
- Daughters of the King- Robin Yates reported that the final 5 barrels have been sent to Liberia. The school (local) offered a whole bunch of books, Lorraine said

OK, so they will send 1 more barrel. Then that mission will be concluded. They do have plans for a new mission.

- Stewardship – Nancy Waugh, Lynn Garland – no report
- Praying Hands Ministry - there are Prayer Shawls available at the back of the church, as the supply dwindles, more appear, the new prayer shawls are blessed as a group throughout the year.
- Hospitality – Lynn Garland – things are going well

CLOSING PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT: - Lynn read a closing prayer– meeting adjourned at 8:36pm