

**Present:** Nikolaus Combs (Priest-in-Charge), Conrad Sienkiewicz (Sr. Warden), Roger Coutant (Jr. Warden), Robin Turpin (Treasurer), Gary Grant (Building Warden), Beth Steinberg (Clerk), Courtney Quigley, Mary D'Angelo, Mark Church, Diane Schapp, Claudia Buick,

**Absent:** Charlie Tirrell, Jessica Magda, Mary Hart (Pastoral Warden)

1. Call to order by Conrad at 6:35PM
2. Time-keeper - Mary D'Angelo, process person - Robin Turpin
3. Conrad lead us in an opening prayer
4. April minutes were reviewed. Robin motioned to accept the minutes, Mark seconded the motion; Voted, and passed.
5. Treasurer's Report:

- Capital Campaign – 95% collection. \$93,000 in the bank. Approximately \$39,000 left to be paid from the Capital Campaign fund. Excess funds allocation cannot be made until this work is completed.
- Upper Parish Hall floor - \$9,446.00 has been collected to be used towards the floor (from the Diocese Grant – yet to be received, Donations, FUNraising Account, and proceeds from Turkey Dinner)
- 2 computers have been purchased for Melanie's and Robin.
- Robin received a bill for \$898 for pork. This bill should be paid from the FunRaising Account.
- Waiting to hear if we will receive a \$5,000 grant. Should know by the end of June.
- We are ahead of budget so far this year.

Roger moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Courtney seconded. Voted, and passed.

6. Priest-in-Charge Report:

- Web-site: Launch date is June 1.
  - Discussed adding a credit card payment option – perhaps adding the processing fee to the offering will be a solution to offset the cost of credit card usage.
- Vacation/sick Leave: Rev. Nik will be away during the following days:
  - 5/28-6/4 (Rev. Nik will preside on June 3, Jessica Magda is preaching)
  - ½ time during the week of 6/11-6/18 (Rev. Nik will preach on 6/17)
  - 7/15-7/30 (will preach and lead the worship on 7/29)
  - 8/20-8/27 (will lead worship on 8/26 with a lay preacher)
  - Ante communion on 7/22
- Ante-communion
  - Discussion followed as to whether we should do Ante-communion or Morning Prayer when Nik is not available to lead the services.
  - We will ask what our people would like, but for now, we will keep Ante-Communion
- Evensong:
  - May 9 was successful despite the small attendance
  - Next Evensong is scheduled for September 9. Sunday evenings might work better than a week night

7. Senior Warden's Report:

- Establish a connection with Litchfield Church of Christ
  - Their service begins at 10:30
    - Conrad will invite them to join us on July 22 after our service (shorter service due to Ante-communion that day) and before their service for coffee and fellowship in the Upper Parish Hall

- “White Privilege” Lenten Program 2019 idea:
  - Work with Rhonda Myers (United Congregational Church, Torrington) and Sara Krhla (Church of Christ at the rotary in Goshen)
  - 6 week program: 2 Weeks at United Congregational, 2 weeks at Church of Christ, and 2 weeks at Trinity
  - Conrad will send links so that we can review the program
  - He’s thinking of a 10-2PM program including a luncheon (Sara is looking into the cost of food)
  - We will continue discussing this idea after having the opportunity to review the links
- Celebrate Soup Kitchen on August 19
  - George Craig will use the Trinity Courtyard for a barbeque from 1-4PM
  - Include a Trinity “Open House” that day as well?
- Conrad will be away for 2 weeks vacationing in Wyoming
  - He will visit All Saints, Torrington, Wyoming (in Goshen county)
  - In 1947 Trinity gave All Saints a stone
  - Ideas for a special connection?

#### 8. Junior Warden’s Report:

- Exploratory Committee has been cleaning and organizing: Stage, Class rooms, Library, Supply Closet, Kiosk, etc. Looking at sound issues, noted a dead spot in front of the church (will speak with Chris about that)
- Mary H and Roger C. are delegates – convention is 10/27/18.
  - In need of an alternate as Jean is no longer on Vestry
- 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ideas:
  - Anne Bott thought of a ‘History Hunt’ idea
    - Full Summer event including 7-10 different ‘hunts’
  - Time capsule to be planted now, and dug up on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary

#### 9. Building Warden’s Report:

- Property Committee consists of: George Anderson, Mike Dwyer, and Charlie Schapp\* (Charlie has not been asked yet, but we are in hopes he will agree)
- Mark reported that, if we intend to tow unauthorized cars from our parking lot, we will need 5 signs.
- Stickers for authorized cars would cost around \$300
- It was decided that we need better signage
  - Gary will make that happen by next month
- Mark will get a new lock box for the front door, and he will look into the possibility of keyless locks for doors

#### 10. Pastoral Ministry Report – Tabled until June’s meeting

#### 11. Capital Campaign update (see Treasurer’s Report, item 1)

#### 12. Continuing Business:

- Funraising update: Diane reported that 40 people have signed up to be at our annual picnic
- Website committee: Thank you to Angela and Chris

#### 13 New Business

- Will speak to Jerry about a plaque dedicated to Marge Geopfert who donated a great deal of money for our organ restoration

14. Dates:

- Confirmation at Camp Washington: 5/19/18
- Mulch Day: 5/19/18
- Other Side Book Club: 5/20/18
- Jack Miller's Funeral: 5/26 at 11AM
- Trinity Sunday and Potluck: 5/27/18
- Trinity Book Club: 5/29/18
- Website Launch: 6/1/18
- Evensong: 9/9/18 at 7:30PM

15. Conrad S. motioned to adjourn at 8:30PM, Diane S. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Respectfully Submitted

Beth Steinberg