

February 24, 2021

Present: Fr. Nik Combs, Mary Hart, Naomi Cardello, Jessica Magda, Alicia Kirsch, Jill Morrison, Jean Nadle, Robin Turpin, Gary Grant, Roger Coutant (former Senior Warden), and Conrad Sienkiewicz (clerk). Absent: Alison Jeannin.

Call to Order: 6:35

Time Keeper: Robin

Process Person: Jean

Check in

Dwelling in the Word: Mark 8: 31-38

Review Minutes from January 27th: Robin made a motion to accept the January 27th minutes. Mary seconded. Voted and passed.

Roger spoke of his vision for Trinity

- The big challenge for the coming year will be parishioners returning to the church building and to each other. This will take work and thinking to do this successfully. Roger reminded us of the African proverb, "To go fast, go alone, but to go far, go together."
- There is value in engaging others:
 - A. Fellowship - Coffee Hours, dinners, etc.
 - B. Ownership - "It's my church and it has meaning." Sometimes people only show up when they have a job, so make sure everyone has something to do and contribute.
 - C. When two or more are gathered, Jesus is there.
- So engage others to help you, even if you don't need the help. Go for distance, not speed. Shut-ins can call, write, and do things from home. Plan the engagement now for reopening and expanding in the future. Look at creating new soup kitchen teams.

Nik states we are looking at a fresh start, and transition is the new normal. We welcomed new Vestry members Mary, Naomi, Jill, and Conrad, as well as new Senior Warden Jessica and Junior Warden Alicia. Nik shared the attachment with Vestry resources. Our Vestry agenda should include ideas/information to share as well as decisions to be made. The Vestry can be its own spiritual community, with Dwelling in the Word, and check-ins).

Phone Calls Masterlist Update and check-in: we reviewed and revised the list for phone numbers and assignments.

PIC Report:

1. Stations of the Cross are held every Friday at Noon at Trinity (Torrington) with the Rev. Carrie.
2. Joyful Noise asked for permission to use the building for rehearsals but we are not letting people use the building yet.
3. Our numbers on the live-stream have been high.

Warden's Report: Jess has been attending weekly diocesan Zoom meetings and states that the diocese is "not crazy" about our indoor services. The ECCT wants us to encourage people to get vaccinated, to share stories of vaccinations, and help parishioners log in for appointments and get there for their shots.

Building Warden's Report: Gary reported that the water heater was replaced as well as some lights in the basement. Electric work was completed (including a new thermostat) and new equipment should be paid for by the Soup Kitchen; Gary is trying to get a discount for them. They continue to serve three meals a day.

Treasurer's Report: Robin reported that we broke even in January. Mary made a motion: "We the Vestry of Trinity Church authorize the change of signers at Litchfield Bancorp for the following accounts. Roger Coutant should be removed as a signer and Alicia Kirsch added. Thus the three signers for these accounts are the Treasurer, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden - Robin R. Turpin, Jessica Magda, and Alicia Kirsch. General Operating Account 7300322605, Rector's Discretionary Account 7300322621, Operation Overflow 7300322655, Youth Fundraising 7300346530, Scrip 7300346548, Fundraising 7300464613, and Capital Campaign 7300758404." Jess seconded this, and it was passed. Jess then made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: Alicia seconded, and it was voted on and accepted.

Each member then shared their favorite moment of the last year, followed by a closing prayer.

At 8:40, Jess made a motion to adjourn: Mary seconded, and we voted and accepted it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Conrad Sienkiewicz