**Trinity Episcopal Church Torrington Ct Vestry meeting 2/23/22**

**Present:** Jean Nadle, Jessica Magda, Lydia Babbitt, Jill Morrison, Mary Hart, Alicia Kirsch, Naomi Cardello, Gary Grant, Robin Turpin, Alison Jeannin

**Absent:** Mark Church

**Meeting called to order** at 6:32 Process Person: Alicia Timekeeper: Naomi

Step along the Way: **opening prayer and checking in**

**Guidelines for Mutuality Review**

Naomi made motion to accept, Jill 2nd to approve minutes. Naomi made a motion to accept the minutes as amended to read Jacquemin Landscaping, not paving. Jill seconded. **Minutes accepted.**

**Discuss ECCT Parish Study:** We see PIC as someone to work with us, not for us, and willing to try things. People liked vestry calls. Weakness: masking, no kids. Need to adopt a kid friendly or more modern service. We need pastoral care. Parishioners are more open to lay visitors. They are craving fellowship: book clubs, bible studies, sisters of Ruth, game night. Yellow carnations for Mothers day, grinders for Father’s day? Involvement with other churches, Tenebrae and Maundy Thursday? At some point, Diocese looking for teams of priests. Ecumenical Thanksgiving service?

**Warden’s report:** called Rosana. No answer from Bishop Laura. Jessica will follow up. Services for Ash Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Alicia has offered to lead the short service with Ash distribution. Mary and Jean will help. Pine Meadow is doing noon service. We have priests every week through lent. We can get palms; other parish can have Easter vigil. We should have Sunday service. New paschal candles?

**Building Warden**: Gary said the rats have left; we had 12 in total. Plumbers were here for sewage pump, no bill yet. Mark is getting price for grinder pump to chop up paper towels. Relay failed on furnace.

**Treasurer’s Report:** We had the highest utility bill we have ever seen. Need to redo rental charges. Snow plowing $860.00 for January. Jacquemin Landscaping needs to do sidewalk in front of church and walkway/ramp into parish hall in time for church. Alison will follow up with Mark Jacquemin. Pledges strong for January; we have an 8K surplus. Property insurance: under expensed in budget. Endowment is not good. Pledges are great. Background checks on new vestry members. Jill moves to receive treasurer’s report, Mary seconds. Report received. Audit not done. Parochial report questions? Corrected parochial report typos. Lydia moves to approve parochial report as amended, Mary seconds. Parochial report unanimously approved.

 **Next steps:** Jean will post minutes. March 1, **Quinnipiac students** here to film. **Bible study** March 6th 11:15 after church. **Lenten collection** for Susan B Anthony of gift cards through Script, personal care items and kitchen items. Starts March 3, ends April 10. Still **waiting for Diocese** to get back to us. Naomi moves, Alison 2nds to adjourn at 8:32. **Closing prayer.**

Jean Nadle, Clerk

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