Vestry Minutes Trinity Episcopal Church Torrington Ct 6/22/2022

Present: Jessica Magda, Jill Morrison, Jean Nadle, Gary Grant, Mark Church, Naomi Cardello, Alison Jeannin, Carrie Combs, Mary Hart, Robin Turpin Absent: Lydia Babbitt, Alicia Kirsch

Opening Prayer and check-ins

Call to order @ 6:41: Jess moves, Marks 2nds. Alison: Time person Jessica: Process person

Dwelling in the Word: John 3: 13-24

**Review minutes:** Naomi moves, Jill 2nds to accept minutes. Motion passes.

**Reflection:** Gifts as a parish: tenacity, lay dedication, pro-active, authentic. Assets: location, financially positive, our building (also greatest challenge) Passions: service, music, worship, ideology, the organ, Torrington itself.

**PIC report:** Still getting to know parish, local clergy. Visiting home bound, setting up office, Communion.

**Warden's report:** Starting Bible study in September. Tim Wallace proposed Michael to be an organ scholar at $75 per service. Jean moves to hire Michael, Mary seconds. Discussion: What are we getting for this? Michael is paid $200 to cover Tim on vacation. Jean withdrew the motion for further discussion. Choir starts in September. Northwest Arts council, Steph Burr, knows groups looking space (our UPH?) for children’s plays, community meetings, “Our Culture is Beautiful”, etc. Saturday August 20th we will be open for stained glass window and clock tower tours 2-6 pm. Jess moves, and Jill 2nds to stay open for this. Motion passes unanimously. The Thomaston Train in will be in September.

**Building report:** Andrew/Andy has been sleeping here without permission. Progress on office upstairs: $300 for 6 lights. Mel's office: Tint to be applied to her windows for security. Lights still out on rose windows, 40' up in the air: need someone else to replace. Gary will not going up on ladder that high. Walkway, sidewalk leading to ramp, cracks are getting bigger. Gary will check on.

**Treasurer‘s report.** May not good, YTD positive $38 K. McCall’s coming to fruition. Endowment down. Advertise for Waterbury Health Office in T Town chatter, Craig’s List. Mary will reach out to Realtor. Carrie will take pictures. Line of credit went up to 4.5%. Send a “heads up” letter to renters detailing increases in energy, trash, etc. to start the rent increase conversation. Draft a “Hold Harmless certificate” for parking lot rental. Jean moves, Jess 2nds to receive treasurer's report: all voted yes.

**Next steps:** Mid July-Mid August fundraiser for back to school? Jess will get in touch with agencies for items for backpacks. Write up on space? Do we have to rent to non-profits exclusively? Jess will ask a real estate lawyer. Jean will post minutes. Carrie closed with a prayer. Naomi moves, Alison 2nds, all approve to adjourn at 8:37 pm.

Jean Nadle, Clerk

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