

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
Tuesday, January 23, 2024

**Present:**

Stewart Abbot, Senior Warden  
Mark Johnson, Junior Warden  
Julie Matt, Clerk  
Linda Springer – term ends 2024  
Lisa Blank – term ends 2025  
Jim DeMersseman – term ends 2025  
Margaret Grant – term ends 2025  
Linda Haley- term ends 2026  
Sean Miller- term ends 2026

**Absent:**

Judy Gregory – term ends 2024  
Bob Brunswig – term ends 2024

**Also Present:**

Rachel Manring  
Rachel Thompson – Trinity bookkeeper

Meeting **called to order** by Stewart at 6:36.

**Opening prayer** led by Stewart.

Welcome to Rachel Manring.

**Minutes** from December 19, 2023. **Motion** to approve the minutes was made by Jim, seconded by Linda S. **Motion carries.**

**Finance report**

Rachel submitted a written finance report and supplemented it verbally. December was a very good month. As a reminder, along with the plate and pledge amount being large, rental income is large for the year because Wee Love prepaid their rent. We thought we would be short at year end. We are still short but not as short as anticipated. The water share fund will not be depleted to pay the 2023 shortfall. Rachel includes 12 months of giving on our actual receipts for the year. **Motion** to approve the report is made by the committee, seconded by Margaret. **Motion carries.**

**Budget for 2024**

Stewart made the following assumptions:

- We are contractually obligated to pay the former rector through May, 2024.
- It likely will not be immediate that we will have clergy to pay.
- The next clergy person would likely not be full time, but rather half time.

- For this year we would continue with volunteer helpers in the office and with parishioners doing three-fourths of the cleaning.

The budget is based on income from pledges, and \$60,000 in non-pledge income for 2023. Non-pledge income turned out to be greater than that.

Stewart went over the proposed budget line by line and significant discussion ensued.

The **motion to approve** the 2024 proposed budget was made by Lisa, seconded by Linda H. Stewart votes in opposition. **Motion carries.**

### Discussion and decision topics

#### Vestry and wardens for 2024

Stewart will accept an additional year as Senior Warden

Mark will accept an additional year as Junior Warden

The **motion to accept** Stewart as the Senior Warden for 2024, and Mark as the Junior Warden for 2024, was made by Jim, seconded by Linda H. **Motion carries.**

#### Vestry

The following parishioners have put their names in the hat for vestry: Rachel Manring, Bob Brunswig and Linda Springer.

#### Treasurer

Judy Gregory has agreed to serve as treasurer. The **motion to appoint** Judy Gregory as treasurer was made by Stewart, seconded by Linda H. **Motion carries.**

#### Columbarium

Thomas Myers inquired of Stewart whether his parents had made provision for him in the columbarium. They did not.

#### Lenten Holy Week plans

The Men of the Parish will be hosting Shrove Tuesday, February 13, 2024, led by Herrick Garnsey, Andy Kitchell and Jim.

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, will offer a noon service in the chapel led by Fr. Bill, and a 5:30 service in sanctuary led by Fr. Scott.

Wednesday soup suppers will begin on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and continue throughout Lent. The Vestry will host the first soup supper.

Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, will offer a service led by Fr. Scott

Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, will offer an evening service led by Fr. Scott

Easter Service, March 31<sup>st</sup>, will be led by Fr. Scott

#### Upcoming dates

Finance committee meeting – Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

Vestry meeting – Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### Roundtable

Lisa – nothing to add

Rachel – she has some things to learn

Linda S. – nothing to add

Margaret – what help does Stewart need for the annual meeting?

Linda H. – emphasizes what an amazing community Trinity is and it continues to impact her, daily. She and Bernie thank everyone for the meal train, prayers, positive thoughts and visits.

Julie – nothing to add

Sean – Jordan and Sean have had their turn cleaning the church. Shawn W. and Judy were a huge help.

Sean will present a volunteer moment as the cleaner on February 4th at church.

Jim – we need a training session on chaliceing in February. We need to think about buying a new vacuum cleaner. Mark volunteers to donate his vacuum cleaner.

Mark – the mouse traps haven't been used since summer (no mice have been killed). We got the snowblower. Glenn and Mark did the circle drive and it took about 25 minutes to do and used two batteries. They used the other two batteries on the sidewalks. Mark says it's pretty easy for two guys to do in an hour.

Stewart – Karoline Woodruff has volunteered to assist with parochial report which is due in March.

Stewart read "The Hippopotamus" by Ogden Nash.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, January 23, 2024.

Julie Matt, Vestry Clerk