

Church of the Holy Trinity Minutes April 12, 2016

Rev. John Beddingfield, Rector; Senior Warden, Inez Lambert; Junior Warden, Yvonne O'Neal; Alexandra Barker, Nancy Fessenden, Leona Fredericks, Jean Geater, David Liston, Marlin Mattson, Fabio Mejia, Liz Poole, Christine du Toit, Susan Valdés-Dapena, clerk

Ex Officio: Gus Christensen, treasurer
Absent/excused Dawn Persaud and Leo Tiburcio.

Meeting convened 6:40 p.m.

March minutes amended and approved. Furthermore, it was agreed that minutes could be reviewed and approved via group email, prior to the next regular meeting, in order to post them faster.

Treasurer's Report:

Gus Christensen: There is no financial report again this month, because the new bookkeeper, Michelle Granger, is still getting up to speed. Gus is still in the process of finding and retaining an accounting firm to audit CHT's 2015 financials and then to continue audits on an ongoing basis. In contact with O'Connor Davies, a firm which also audits the diocese and other individual parishes. That firm has begun working on a proposal for CHT. Want to receive proposals from two or three accounting firms before making a decision, but that we have not been able to identify any other candidates as well known to the church as O'Connor Davies.

In addition, Christensen provided preliminary information on the church's first quarter financial results, which were better than the prior year, primarily due to a combination of higher contribution levels and lower heating oil expenses, somewhat offset by increased personnel costs and capital investments (e.g. the boiler replacement project). It was noted, however, that, among other things, Easter came early this year and that we should perhaps wait another few months to see how the relative financial results appear over a longer period of time.

Rector's Report:

- Work on the roof continues—section over the chapel and sanctuary. Built permanent ladder from the alley to access the roof, so that maintenance can be done more easily.
- Downstairs kitchen--Seal holes in walls to keep rodents out of the basement.
- Boiler installation not complete yet. Waiting for Con Ed to approve the connection.

- Update on Advantage Testing's offer to buy Rhinelander building: Children's Aid Society accepted offer then rejected and accepted another offer. Then that fell through so the offer was made to Advantage Testing again. We are trying to supply them with what we need and want in terms of preservation. We are waiting to hear from the lawyers. Red slate on the roof—strong material. Have structural engineer inspect rafters as well as assess replacing roof.

- John presented list of Holy Week service attendance and his calendar of visits and meetings over the past month.
- Thanks everyone for the work on his Institution as rector. Notes that some former parishioners have returned.
- Looking for new company to do an assessment of physical plant needs and priorities. Bell tower is an example of need for evaluation, priorities, repairs and maintenance. Gave up on company was going to use.

Wardens' Reports:

Yvonne: Wants someone from the Vestry to be on the LOVE task force.

Vestry discussed mission and attendance of LOVE taskforce events.

Yvonne will be at Diocesan Wardens' Convention not at May Fair.

Inez: Erlinda's apartment has been renovated and rented.

Need to fix up apartment over the offices.

May Fair. 11-6.

Fabio and Christine are doing doggie table.

Susan running facepainting with team—Sharon Frazier and Katherine Jordan (maybe two other vounteers)

Genesis is doing the food again.

Can start bringing things to parish.

HTNC has refreshment table. And have HT and HTNC info. Tables.

New Business:

- Linked parish in Westminster, England going forward.
- Scotch tasting numbers still coming in. Also numbers still coming in on collection from Saturday's Institution, which was dedicated to HTNC.
- Post-Easter. Dig in and get some new work done. Intern coming next year. Reviving Trinity Network.
- Gay Pride Parade. June 26. Marlin, Leo, and Fabio will coordinate.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Valdés-Dapena, clerk