
TRINITY VESTRY MEETING

April 23, 2025/ Guild Hall, Trinity

Minutes

Present: Michael Arnold, Ellen Whittet, Michelle Petty, Fred Williams, Jay Casbon, Keith Cobel, Susan Zink, Alex Thomas, Susan Krutzsch, Georgia Noble, Mark Ismond, Sarah Thomas, Sarah McCarter.

Absent: Elizabeth Molitors, Jean Davis

The vestry meeting commenced following a dinner prepared by Ellen and Susan Z., accompanied by a devotion led by Susan Z. The group collectively read "Leadership Lessons from Ted Lasso" and listened to the spiritual "I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart".

With no additions, Alex Thomas moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Michelle Petty. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Financial Report

Keith began the presentation by offering an overview of what he perceives as the most significant threat to our economy and its potential impact on the financial future of Trinity. He believes the biggest concern is that other countries are losing confidence in the US dollar, which will significantly impact the US's global economic standing and more. Bringing these concerns to the Trinity community means that we need to be prepared for a "storm on the horizon" in the form of a recession. He believes its time for us, as a vestry, to be thinking about the best way to manage our financial life and reconsider how we might or might not draw from our corpus of investments. There could be a shift in how much people are able to give, especially from those on a fixed income. A discussion ensued and it was agreed this conversation needs to be at the forefront of our next Vestry meeting when Elizabeth will be present.

Trinity has a current financial surplus of \$61,000. The income for April is expected to increase due to attendance of over 500 parishioners on Easter Sunday.

Eastertide Reflection and Ministry Fair

With some extra time in the meeting Sarah and Georgia led the members in an Eastertide reflection exercise. Georgia asked Vestry members to help with set up/clean up and to encourage parishioners to explore ministries at the Ministry Fair on May 4.

Michael Arnold gave an update about the YOLO, (you only live once), group that meets on Zoom. He said there is a core group of about 12 that meet regularly with 15-20 more on the mailing list.

Upcoming Events

Next exec. committee meeting- May 20, 2025

Climate action speaker/workshop- May3, 9:00-2:00

World Labyrinth Day- May 3, 12:00-2:00

Ministry Fair- Sunday, May 4

Next Vestry meeting- Wednesday, May 28,2025

Michael Arnold moved to approve the minutes and financials and to receive the reports. Georgia Noble seconded; all in favor, the motion passed.

Following compline, the meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Submitted by: Sarah McCarter, Clerk