

# MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF TRINITY CATHEDRAL PARISH

## Vestry Minutes for March 25, 2021

### Vestry (Names marked with an asterisk were present):

*Michael Beal	*Jonathan Milling
*Maryanne Belser, Clerk	Clarke Newton
*Ward Briggs	*Kenzie Newton
*Missy Caughman	*Virginia Ravenel
*Gus Chapman, Junior Warden	*Tim Owens
*Elizabeth Dorn	*Jessica Shand
*Scotty Frantz	*Llewellyn Shealy, Senior Warden
*Ann Gluse	*Wade Stinnette, Senior Warden Emeritus
*Hayne Hodges III	*Stephen West, Finance Chair
*Marian Hornsby	*Doak Wolfe

### Invited Representatives:

*Dan Fritze, Chancellor	*Lynn Evans, Daughters of the Holy Cross
*Pamela Lackey, Trinity Foundation	*Liz Summers, Treasurer
Eleanor Whitehead, Still Hopes	*Mark James

### Staff:

*The Very Rev. Dean Dane Boston	*Donald Benson, Canon for Administration -
*The Rev. Canon Dorian Del Priore	Jessica Umbach, Director of Communications
*The Rev. Canon Patsy Malanuk	

### Minutes:

**I.** Call to Order / Opening Prayer D. Boston

Dean Boston called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

**II.** Bible Study D. Boston

Dean Boston led the Vestry in a discussion of the Feast of the Annunciation - a celebration of Mary's faithfulness and of one woman's place in God's work of salvation and plan for redemption of the world.

### **III. New Business**

Dean Boston presented a change in meeting order for Mark James to address an analysis of the property gifted to Trinity Cathedral on Assembly Street - currently occupied by the International House of Pancakes.

Discussion followed and concluded with Dean Boston presenting a motion from the Gift Acceptance Committee, by the Trinity Foundation and endorsed by the Finance Committee of the Vestry. (See attached document for the memorandum from the Gift Acceptance Committee.)

Doak Wolfe seconded the motion with no further discussion, no opposition or abstentions. Motion passed.

### **IV. Dispatch of Business**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes of February Meeting**

D. Boston

A motion was made by Jonathan Milling and seconded by Hayne Hodges to approve and adopt the minutes of the January meeting (with the correction of a spelling error in a Vestry Member's name.)

#### **B. Senior Warden's Report**

L. Shealy

Llewellyn Shealy updated Vestry on 2021 Stewardship Campaign. Nine committed leaders are in place for the Connections Initiative and she asked Vestry members - if so called - to please nominate or volunteer to lead a group. She also asked that Vestry Members please send nominations or suggestions to Susie Dibble or Pam Lackey.

Llewellyn Shealy then noted that committee reports contained more than one group asking support and attendance at events and she encouraged Vestry members to engage with Cathedral events.

#### **C. Dean's Report**

D. Boston

Dean Boston reflected on the preparation for Holy Week and made an appeal to attend and participate as leaders on the Vestry. Looking beyond Holy Week, the Dean addressed the search for a Director of Youth Ministries, in addition to much planning in the post-Easter season.

Additionally, the Dean addressed the opportunity to focus the committee work of the Vestry through the the "charge" section in the reporting materials. He looks forward to watching these ministries flourish in the coming months.

Finally, Dean Boston announced that October 31, 2021, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be at Trinity Cathedral.

E. Finance & Treasurer's Report

S. West

Stephen West prepared a financial report with the Treasurer for submission to the record. Liz Summers presented overview of financials.

IV. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

Reports submitted by Children's Ministries, Youth, and Mission & Outreach. The revised format of committee reports will streamline communications and encourage discussion in an efficient way.

VI. Closing Prayer

D. Boston

Motion to adjourn was made by Michal Beal with Elizabeth Dorn as second to conclude the meeting. Dean Boston closed with a prayer and adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

**Important Dates for April:**

- 1 Maundy Thursday – 6 PM Cathedral
- 2 Good Friday – 6 PM, Cathedral
- 3 Holy Saturday – 10 AM, Cathedral
- 3 Great Vigil – 6 PM, Cathedral
- 4 Easter – 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM – Cathedral, Lawn, Satterlee  
Easter – 11 AM – Averyt Hall
- 5 Trinity and TLC Offices Closed
- 13 Stewardship Committee, 5:30 PM**
- 15 Executive Committee, 4:15 PM**
- 15 Finance Committee, 5:30 PM**
- 19 TLC Board Meeting**
- 22 Vestry Meeting, 6:00 PM**

## Trinity Cathedral Vestry Committee Report

Committee: Committee Members/ Attendees:

Jessica Shand

Bibs Babson

Committee Purpose and Charge for 2021:

Committee Work:

Family Advent Wreath Making November 22nd:

29 families were able to participate socially distanced in the Cart Courtyard. We were also able to tell Elsie Lamar a traditional Thanksgiving Story. This was truly a heart warming and much needed time of fellowship for everyone. The wreaths were just an extra bonus.

Family Advent Devotional and Paint Along December 6th:

13 families were able to participate in this devotional time and painting. Again, this was a much needed time for Advent reflection as a community and we were so thankful for Courtney Walker who shared her time and talent to make this happen.

Christmas Pageant:

3 pageant Christmas Eve services were held in-person on Christmas Eve; 11am on the lawn, 1pm in the Cathedral and streamed and 3pm in the Cathedral. These were all beautiful celebrations of our Saviour's birth. Our seniors were able to enjoy this time honored tradition in spite of so many disappointments this year. Can we do at least the 11am again this year?

Forma 21 Convention January 26-28th:

Bibs was able to attend the Forma 21 Convention via Zoom this year with several "takeaways" for formation ideas in the near future. From amazing ideas from The Hopeful Family written by Amelia Richardson Dress....(we may be blessing bikes in the

near future as spring arrives) to exciting ideas for outdoor prayer stations. Bibs would LOVE to build a labyrinth in front of the Diocesan House on the Marion Street side.

Shrove Tuesday February 16th:

17 families joined in the fun of Shrove Tuesday with Marsipial Sue and The Runaway Pancake, pancake toss games and Lenten BINGO! This was a magical way to begin our Lenten Season.

Sunday School and Nursery March 7th to the present:

With a great deal of support from many young families, we decided to resume a family style formation on Sunday mornings at 10am on the Cart Courtyard. This is in its early stages but participation has been good. We are hoping to add some more interactive games and learning opportunities for all ages.

We are also able to provide a nursery for infants (max. of 4) to 3 years old (max. of 7). We are all very grateful for the work of Jean Knowlton and her TLC team to provide this for our young families.

Summary: Ideas for Follow-up/Future Planning:

Bibs has been in communication with other formation leaders throughout the diocese to determine the trends for VBS this summer. We are looking at a date (July 12-15) for possible small groups to gather for an in-person VBS. The theme will be Philippians 3:14 "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." This will be an olympic themed VBS to coincide with the start of the 2021 olympics July 23rd.

Committee member Action Items from Meetings:

Bibs will continue to schedule Sunday school teachers and support them with their lessons.

Plans for VBS will move forward as the pandemic allows.

Committee Recommendations to the Vestry:

Please try to attend a Sunday school when you can. Your feedback and suggestions are encouraged and valued!

Consider volunteering for VBS even if for one day.

Vestry Action Required at the Time:

As we look toward reopening, Bibs would like to request that we revisit the safe church proposal that was approved by the Vestry last year. This proposal was sent to the Bishop's office for further approval, but has not been reviewed or decided on as far as we know.

## **Trinity Cathedral Vestry Committee Report**

### **Mission and Outreach Committee**

Committee: Committee Members / Attendees:

Anne Miller (chair), Ben Dudek, Betty Gregory, Nancy Holt, Bill Matthews, Rusty Miller, Valerie Moore, David Pable, Jonathan Vipperman, Eleanor Whitehead, Beth Yon, Dorian Del Priore, Virginia Ravenel

Committee Purpose and Charge for 2021: TBD

Committee Work:

To oversee and coordinate the mission and outreach partnerships of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, to raise awareness of these partnerships and the opportunities they provide, and to identify community needs where Trinity may be called to serve. Current partnerships include W.A. Perry Middle School Partnership, St. Lawrence Place (Homeless No More), Keepin' It Real Ministry & Community Worship Service (Oscar Gadsden), Sunday Morning Breakfast, Haiti/Morne Michel, Education Equals Hope (Ecuador), Cooperative Ministry, Soup Kitchen (Washington St UMC), Camp Bob, Jump Start Ministry, and MORE Justice.

Summary: Ideas for Follow-Up/Future Planning:

The committee is currently holding a series of meetings to determine the state of mission and outreach at Trinity and to engage in long-range planning, discerning mission and outreach priorities and opportunities, as well as strategies for increased participation by the congregation. In addition, the committee hopes to gain a greater awareness of mission and outreach work that happens throughout parish ministries that do not officially fall under the purview of the Mission and Outreach Committee, e.g., the Bazaar, Kitchen Ministry donations to shelters, and Youth Ministry partnerships.

Committee Member Action Items from Meetings:

None

Committee Recommendations to the Vestry:

The committee recommends and hopes for mission and outreach to be seen and treated as a higher priority, both in the budgeting process and in parish engagement. This will require the leadership of the Vestry, by regularly communicating mission and outreach as a Vestry priority and also through Vestry involvement and presence.

Vestry Action Required At This Time:

None

## **Trinity Cathedral Vestry Committee Report**

Committee: Youth Committee

Committee Members / Attendees:

Committee Purpose and Charge for 2021:

Committee Work:

We have three (3) confirmation classes at this time (25 in the current senior class; 33 in the current junior class; and 19 in the current sophomore class) with the hope that the senior class can be confirmed this Spring and the Junior class in the Fall.

Several bible studies are continuing at this time. Middle and High School boys are meeting at Citadel Park on Thursday mornings before school. A High School girls group meets Wednesday mornings at Linda Rogers home. Middle School girls meet Tuesday mornings at Panera. Finally, Junior and Senior boys meet Wednesday evenings with the location rotating.

Summary: Ideas for Follow-Up/Future Planning:

First and foremost we need a new Youth Director. Once hired, we will need additional volunteers to help as many of our current volunteers have children who are aging out of the Youth Program and going to college.

Committee Member Action Items from Meetings:

Committee Recommendations to the Vestry:

Hire Youth Director

Vestry Action Required At This Time:

Hire Youth Director

## Mission and Outreach Report Addendum

**ST. LAWRENCE PLACE:** Current occupancy (housing and services): 26 families: 30 adults/49 children

Upcoming:

-Angel's Tea and Silent Auction (April) - a "nonevent" this year (sending invitations that ask for donations)

-Learning Center slated to open in August

Past Events (since last report):

- Sip n See Virtual Wine Tasting and Auction (September 2020)

-Annual Greenery Sale (Oct-Nov 2020)

-Light Up the Night for Homeless Families (Nov 18, 2020) - luminary candles

-Race for the Place (Feb 27, 2021)

**KEEPIN' IT REAL MINISTRY:** After a couple of months suspension due to COVID, this ministry has met outside since late September - either in Cathedral courtyard or outside Keenan Chapel (team of 6 rotating volunteers) - Oscar Gadsden drives the ministry

**HOMELESS AND HUNGRY BREAKFAST:** Has served to-go breakfast for guests throughout COVID pandemic - use skeleton volunteer crew and the meal is catered (already was being catered due to kitchen renovations) - average attendance during pandemic has varied 60-125 - look forward to the day the ministry can return to a seated, indoor breakfast

**WA PERRY PARTNERSHIP:** We have not been able to run the afterschool enrichment clubs during the pandemic. However, we have pivoted to providing pop up shops and resources to students and families.

**HAITI/MORNE MICHEL:** Continue to send funding for agriculture projects and school partnerships. Traveling to Haiti has proven difficult over the past 2-3 years due to civil unrest and the pandemic. Jonathan Viperman recently made a trip.

**CAMP BOB:** Unfortunately not being offered again this summer. Kanuga doesn't have the resources this year due to the pandemic.

**EDUCATION EQUALS HOPE (ECUADOR):** Summer mission teams did not happen in 2020 and will not happen in 2021. We continue to send support to Cristo Liberador (The Rev. Lourdes Inapanta), and the Diocese has hosted Zoom gatherings with participants from our Diocese and our partners in Ecuador. These provide for prayer, worship, and formation.

**SOUP KITCHEN:** Washington St. UMC is not allowing outside volunteers, but we do continue to send funding to support this ministry.

**JUMP START MINISTRY:** Access to the prisons has been limited during the pandemic.

**MORE JUSTICE:** This ministry continues strong, shifting to Zoom meetings for smaller team meetings. Larger events are hybrid parking lot gatherings (some via Zoom, and others parked in their cars socially distanced). We continue to advocate for affordable housing, gun violence reform, education, and crisis intervention training for police forces.

**COOPERATIVE MINISTRY:** We continue to send funding.