

**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**Hampstead, N.C.**  
**Vestry Minutes**  
**January 21, 2020**

**Opening Devotion:** Father Abrams opened the meeting at 6:57 p.m. with a prayer. He read several quotes by Martin Luther King, Jr., who was an agent of change in a society that resisted change. Abrams led a discussion on where do we stand in these times of challenge and change.

**Present:** Norm Gopsill (Senior Warden), Jackie Redington (Junior Warden), Kris Kirwin, Dave Mahoney, Bob Muller, Bob Ronne, Sharon Seago, Roger Rick (Treasurer), Ron Abrams (Priest-in-Charge), Lynn Ruhnke (Clerk)

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes of the December 17, 2019 Regular Meeting were presented. Motion to approve Minutes of December 17, 2019 Regular Meeting was made by Muller and seconded by Redington. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rick presented the Year-End Treasurer's Report of 2019. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Redington and seconded by Ronne. Motion passed.

**Priest-in-Charge Report (Abrams)**

- February 9: Training for worship leaders after coffee hour.
- Lent: Adult Ed on Sunday mornings on the parables of Jesus.
- March 18: Pot Luck Supper and program "Having Fun With Your Funeral."

**Senior Warden's Report (Gopsill)**

- Thanked Abrams for new perspective at Vestry retreat and for Adult education.
- Received two donations: One to pay for the Vestry retreat; another to the Restricted Fund for Building & Maintenance.
- Received permission from Hardison Building, Inc., to install large Holy Trinity sign on their property on Route 17 S.
- D. Logan Company will provide sand for the playground.

**Junior Warden's Report: (Redington)**

- ECW wants to purchase new faucets and toilet paper holders in all bathrooms. Need to find out if ECW will have them installed.
- ECW doesn't have the money to install hardwood on the altar. Abrams prefers carpeting.
- Update on lighting in the parking lot. LED bulbs would be cheaper than traditional bulbs. Duke will change out to LEDs.

**Ministry Reports:**

DOK (Redington): No report.

ECW (Abrams): Met with ECW on January 14. Chingo (Chili and Bingo) will be held February 22.

Finance (Rick):

- Will send in paperwork for Audit Team for in-house audit for Roger Kersey, George Ball and Linda Cavanaugh. **Motion made by Ronne to approve Audit Team and to move forward with In-house Audit. Seconded by Mahoney. Motion Passed.**
- Parish Retreat at Trinity Center – For 2020, we request parishioners to sign up by February and commit by March. By the end of January 2020, we need to send in a non-refundable \$300 deposit for reserve 15 rooms for 2021. **Motion made by Mahoney to send in a non-refundable \$300 to Trinity Center to reserve 15 rooms for the 2021 Holy Trinity Retreat. Seconded by Ronne. Motion passed.**
- We will also reserve 15 rooms for 2022 with no contractual obligation.

Finance (Muller): Received information from Lilly Foundation, which sent Mother Pam on a sabbatical, about a new grant program they are offering, Thriving Congregations Initiative. Fifty churches will be selected for a grant for area outreach programs run by the church.

Parish Life (Seago):

- Pot Luck following services on January 26. Parishioners will wear their favorite team jersey.
- “Guys and Dolls” on February 16 at UNCW.

Men’s Group (Gopsill): Gary Miller is lining up plans for Pancake Supper on February 26.

Youth: No Report

**Action Items:**

- A. Vestry Person of the Month – A sign-up sheet was passed around with each Vestry member signing up to be responsible for a month. Vestry members going off the Vestry in December 2020 signed up for two months.
- B. Vestry Liaisons
  - Buildings & Grounds – Seago
  - DOK - Redington
  - ECW – Ronne
  - Finance - Muller
  - Men’s Group – Gopsill
  - Outreach – Kirwin
  - Parish Life – Redington
  - Stewardship – Mahoney
  - Youth - Abrams
- C. Mission Statement – The Mission Statement that was written at the Vestry Retreat was discussed and revised. It will be finalized at the February 18 Vestry Meeting.
- D. Vestry Goals – The Goals from the Vestry Retreat were discussed. Ronne will revise and send to J. Rick for the Newsletter.

E. Church Lighting, Staining, Signage

- Received several estimates and Prism was the least expensive quote received. Gopsill called Prism and they were able to start right away. Power wash next week; stain the week after for \$7,900. **Motion to hire Prism to power wash and stain the building for a cost of \$7,900 made by Muller. Seconded by Mahoney. Voting Yes were Redington, Kirwin, Mahoney, and Muller. Voting No were Ronne and Seago. The Motion passed.**
- Abrams met with Hampstead Electric several times about lighting in the sanctuary. They recommend track lights above the altar and in front of the organ. Improvements in these two areas may be enough. The cost would be \$3007. **Motion to hire Hampstead Electric to install tracking lighting at the altar and the organ for \$3007 made by Seago. Seconded by Redington. Voting Yes were Redington, Kirwin, Mahoney, Muller, and Seago. Voting No was Ronne. The motion passed.**
- Gopsill reported that the 8' x 4' sign to be placed on Route 17 S had to be reworked. The final cost will be \$1000-1200. It will be permanently installed. The smaller sign to be placed opposite the driveway on Deerfield listing our service hours will cost \$57 to change.
- Abrams will put out a letter to the congregation requesting funds for staining and lighting.

**Meeting Critique:** Very productive

**For the Newsletter:** Ronne will provide Vestry Goals. Ruhnke will send list of Vestry Liaisons.

**Closing Prayer and Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Lynn E. Ruhnke, Clerk**

**NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2020**