

Trinity Episcopal Church - Vestry Agenda
15 January 2025 @ 6:30 pm
220 Prospect St., Torrington, CT 06790

We are an inclusive and accepting downtown community, welcoming all to join us on our journey to seek and share God's abundant love through worship, the arts, and service in our community.

- I. Call to Order
 - A. By Alicia Kirsch @ 6:44 pm
 - B. Attendance: Roger Coutant, Lynn Skokan, Gary Grant, Ella Frauenhofer, Dana Farr, Alicia Kirsch, Mark Church, Lydia Babbitt, Recording
 - 1. Absent: Bobby Nacher, Carrie Combs
 - C. Process Person: Ella Frauenhofer
 - D. Time Keeper: Roger Coutant

- II. Opening Prayer: A Prayer for Trinity from "Centennial of a Parish - Trinity Church, Torrington CT - 1843-1943

- III. Check In: Rose, bud, thorn

- IV. Vestry Formation: Dwelling in the Word: John 2: 1 - 11

- V. Review of Meeting Minutes from December 18, 2024 (send to announcements@trinity-torrington.org)
 - A. Motion To Accept: Ella Frauenhofer
 - B. Second: Gary Grant
 - C. Vote: Majority
 - D. Abstentions: Alicia

- VI. Treasurer Report: Discussion on report submitted.
 - A. Motion to Receive: Alicia Kirsch
 - B. Second: Gary
 - C. Vote: Unanimous
 - D. Abstentions: None

- VII. Reports:
 - A. PIC - Not available (for the best of all possible reasons!)
 - B. Senior Warden - Alicia Kirsch
 - 1. AED - Shelter staff is aware of its location, etc. Gary will make sure that McCall knows where it is
 - a. Greenwoods - Alicia will contact to set up a training - hopefully on a Sunday.
 - 2. Review Membership Rolls
 - 3. Reports for Annual Meeting - send to admin@trinity-torrington.org
 - C. Junior Warden - n/a
 - D. Building Warden - Gary Grant
 - 1. AC installation in Community Kitchen - received a \$3300 invoice from electrician - Gary is addressing the fact that we agreed to the installation of the AC since it would be *no cost to Trinity Episcopal Church*.
 - 2. 12.23.2024 received approval of modification request 24-0816 allowing up to six people to sleep overnight in the Rectory lobby and Living Room areas of the property w staff present in the immediate area.

3. Cameras hope to be going live week end 1.24.2024.
 - a. Can we have a basic “how does it work?” paragraph *printed* for the Messenger and the leaflet? (Entrances, lower chapel, upper parish hall, courtyard, parking lot, porch on water street

VIII. Outstanding Business

- A. Annual Meeting Date: 1.26.2025 (per bylaws)
 1. Vestry Slate:
 - a. Add: Jessica Magda, Naomi Cardello, Rich Santiago - three year terms
 - b. Elect Bobby Naeher to full, three year term (had fulfilled an uncompleted term)
 - c. Rolling off: Alicia Kirsch, Mark Church
 - d. Sr Warden: Lydia Babbitt
 - e. Jr Warden: Roger Coutant (one year only)
 - f. Treasurer: Robin Turpin
 - g. Clerk: Dana Farr
 - h. Convention Delegates: Lydia Babbitt, Dana Farr, Ella F. and Lynn S. are alternate - curious
 2. Slide show for meeting provided by M Carrie
 3. Thank yous:
- B. Lenten Programming Ideas?
 1. Pancake Supper? 3/4/2025? (N.B. Shelter conflict - maybe have somewhere else)
- C. June Pride Month -
 1. Special Service?
 2. Other visible signs?
- D. 2026 250th National Celebrations
 1. CT Humanities - how have different groups have contributed to the country - let's include Trinity and ECCT and Episcopal Church in the US
- E. What Else?
- F. Mutual Ministry Review Process: Follow up on the three goals established
 1. Recruiting, Training and Nurturing All Volunteers (Alicia, Bobby, Lydia)
 - a. Create a list of positions/roles
 - b. Brief (3 sentence) job descriptions w/ approximate time commitment - ask the question of existing volunteers, “What do you need as support to make the job do-able/better?”
 - c. Include one/two in weekly leaflet and weekly announcements
 2. Create a way to visit/support/provide transport for home bound parishioners (Ella, Roger, Dana):
 - a. Survey existing parish pastoral care resources and activities. What are we already doing? Who is doing it?
 - b. Identify the need. Who and how many homebound people do we have in the parish? Who and how many people need rides? Look at old parish lists to get an idea.
 - c. Create and update policies and procedures for pastoral care as needed.
 - d. Communicate the issue and the plan to the parish through the Messenger, a Coffee Hour ministry fair, and on the website.
 - e. Recruit volunteers to create a roster of both new people and people who are already involved in pastoral care.
 - f. Train volunteers.
 - g. Create volunteer assignments.
 3. Continue and deepen our ties within our wider community - Our Culture is Beautiful,

Greenwoods, McCall, Torrington Community Kitchen, Culture for a Cause, other churches, etc. (Gary, Mark)

- a. Use existing relationships of Vestry and Parishioners enmeshed in the greater community to best advantage
- b. Reach out ecumenically

G. What Else?

1. Change February Meeting date to 2.12.2025 (instead of 2.19.2025)
2. AED Training ?
3. Sunday Formations

IX. Closing Prayer by and Motion to Adjourn @ 8:00 pm

- A. Motion To Adjourn: Alicia
- B. Second: Ella
- C. Vote: Unanimous
- D. Abstentions: None

X. Upcoming Trinity Dates!

- A. Annual Meeting 1.26.2025 after service
- B. Vestry meeting **2.12.2025** (instead of 2.19.2025) - PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE CHANGE

Zoom - Meeting ID: 994 494 1441, Passcode: Trinity