

**St. Brendan the Navigator  
Minutes of the Vestry/Renewal Team Meeting  
September 19, 2017**

Present: Lis Ingoldsby, Josephine Jacob, Richard Paget, Miriam Antich, Barbara Kourajian, and Father Edward Dufresne. Pete Dane and Peter Tarlton called in. Skip Greenlaw was an observer at the beginning of the meeting.

Senior Warden Lis Ingoldsby called the meeting to order at 2:59 p.m. After a few moments of silence, Fr. Dufresne offered an opening prayer.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the September 10<sup>th</sup> Parish Meeting will be reviewed and accepted at the next Parish meeting. The clerk will prepare a Summary of that meeting which will be posted on the bulletin board and published on the website. Miriam moved and Lis seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup> Vestry/Renewal Team meeting. The motion passed.

**Conversations with prospective Ministry Chairs and Co-Chairs**

The Vestry went into Executive Session to discuss Outreach Ministry leadership. As a follow-up, the Vestry/Renewal Team will meet again on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. with Skip Greenlaw.

We each reported on our conversations with parishioners regarding assuming a leadership role either as Chair or Co-Chair of a Ministry. Most of the Vestry is still in conversation with potential candidates. Meg Graham has agreed to chair the Property Ministry. Jo Jacob, as Junior Warden and Vestry Advocate, will provide support behind this Chairmanship.

**Review of proposed Ministry Descriptions**

We reviewed the most recent revisions of the six Ministry Descriptions prepared by Fr. Dufresne. We decided to drop the word "Evangelism" from "Outreach and Evangelism Ministry." Evangelism (our welcoming ministry) will be part of Pastoral Care.

**Consideration of Trinity Castine note regarding sharing a Priest-in-Charge**

Lis read an email from Bill Carter from Trinity Church in Castine regarding their search for a new Priest-in Charge. He acknowledged that both of our parishes will be launching searches for a part-time priest and suggested the possibility of a shared full-time priest which would increase the applicant pool. This arrangement would be a sharing of clergy, not the combining of our parishes.

Fr. Dufresne mentioned he wrote the Bishop and Michael Ambler that this might be a possibility. He also said if this would become a reality, a joint Parish Priest Relations group would need to be set up to work out issues with the priest early on and beyond. One model might be one Priest-in-Charge with one or two Associate Priests that might be shared by each congregation.

Trinity Church is ready to send their Parish Profile in. We decided that St. Brendan's is not ready for this step. We want to focus on the Renewal Plan and perhaps by next March we may be ready to send in a Profile and consider a pairing. Lis will respond to Bill stating we want to consider this, but it's premature for us to commit. We will ask them to keep us informed of their progress.

### **Other Business**

- We received a request by Tracey Hair, Executive Director of H.O.M.E., to speak to our Parish. This request will be sent to the Outreach Ministry.
- The Bridge Club is seeking suggestions for their annual financial donation. We mentioned several recipients: the Healthy Island Project, Island Food Pantry, and the Early Childhood group that meets at our church.

We discussed insurance coverage for the Early Childhood group and wondered if our church insurance covers this group and their equipment. Jo will contact Lynn Witham about the issues of insurance and a donation to the Early Childhood group. Pete will contact the Pension Church Insurance Group to determine to what extent we are covered.

The next Vestry/Renewal team meeting will be a special meeting on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. Our next regular meeting is Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

We closed the meeting by reading the Prayer of St. Brendan together. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Barbara Kourajian  
Clerk