Quarterly Meeting of the Trinity Endowment

August 13, 2024

Members Present: The Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero, Brad Beers, Saba Blanding, Mary Cloud, Edgar Marston, Sarah Frazier, Mark Goza, Chris Hensman, Steve Lee, The Reverend Rhonda Rogers, Ken Snell,

Members Not Present: Bob Davenport, Larry Dickerson, Alexander Obregon.

Ex-Officio Members Present: The Reverend Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios, Curate; Larry Laubach, Treasurer; Ryan Mire, Parish Administrator

Quorum and Opening Prayer: A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. The opening prayer was given by the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting: Edgar Marston moved that the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Trinity Endowment, held on May 7, 2024, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mary Cloud. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Laubach presented the Treasurer's Report, informing that the current total portfolio value was $13,771,104. A distribution of $55,712.19 was made to Trinity Church on June 15 15, 2024. Mark Goza moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, and Mary Cloud seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Trinity Financial Committee Request: Larry Laubach informed the Board that the Trinity Financial Committee requested that the Board change its investment strategy in order to raise the annual dividends earned, which are distributed to Trinity Church, from the current level of $222,844 to about $500,000 in order to cover the church's increasing budget shortfall. The church's current annual budget is around $1,000,000, of which pledges from 99 parishioners only covers $425,000. Steve Lee pointed out that we may have many options to produce the desired income of 4% of our portfolio's total value, and suggests that we explore with Fayez Sarofim different options for achieving this goal. Ken Snell stated that the Executive Finance Committee can approach Fayez Sarofim and obtain a list of options weighing risks and benefits of different ways for generating more cash. The Board will then be better placed to make a decision on how to do this with the least impact on future portfolio growth.

Executive Finance Committee Report: Ken reported that our portfolio recouped its high watermark level of December, 2021. As requested, he also reported that our investment in BAE is $185,000 or less than 2% of our total portfolio.

Motion to Divest from BAE: A motion to divest Trinity Endowment from BAE was made by Sarah Frazier and seconded by Rhonda Rogers. In discussion, Sarah stated that BAE was heavily involved in providing arms that are being used in Gaza, and that supporting this was not in

keeping with our values as a church. Edgar Marston spoke against the motion, stating that it was a slippery slope to interfere with investment decisions made by our financial advisers, as many companies engage in practices of which we might disapprove. Steve Lee and Chris Hensman pointed out our fiduciary responsibilities to maximize returns on our investments. There was much uneasiness about the Board interfering for a specific company, but interest in the idea of working with Fayez Sarofim to set ethical guidelines for our investment. The question was called, and the results of the vote were five directors in favor of the motion to divest, and six opposed, so the motion was defeated.

Mark Goza moved that the Executive Finance Committee be instructed to explore with Fayez Sarofim the establishment of ethical guidelines for our future investments. The motion was seconded by Edgar Marston. The motion was approved.

Partners for Sacred Places Presentation: The Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero spoke about our affiliation with Partners for Sacred Places in order to get professional help in developing a business and architectural plan for the vestry to consider. This will include an asset-mapping event with our strategic partners to gain insight in how to leverage the assets we have and find more resources to support our ministries at Trinity. She also pointed out that a page on our website will provide information and updates throughout the process.

Next Board Meeting: The next quarterly board meeting will be held on October 29, 2024, one week earlier than scheduled in order to avoid Election Day.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: The Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero offered a closing prayer at 1:39 p.m., and the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.