

TRINITY CENTER

The Trinity Center Board of Managers has had a very busy year in 2021. Despite COVID and a number of board meetings being held virtually during the first half of the year much has been accomplished. A new mission statement was developed for the Center and bylaws were developed for the Board of Managers. This work took many months but the board was very pleased with the outcome and received approval from Executive Council.

Stephanie Rudolph, our Operations Manager and was serving as a Co-Interim Executive Director, resigned in September 2021. Mary Beth Bradberry who is the Camp Trinity Director and Assistant Executive Director was serving as the other Co-Interim Director. Thankfully, she was willing to continue in that role solo. We did hire Kim Elliott who has taken over as the finance officer, part of Stephanie's old position. She is highly qualified and we are thrilled to have her on staff.

The dining hall was reopened but staffing has been an issue as it is in any food service establishment since COVID. We are fully open to groups but cancellations still plague us as we see upticks in COVID.

We are still without an Executive Director. However, another major task of the Board of Managers this year was to develop a new job description, qualifications and profile for this position. By the time of the publication of this report, advertising the position will be in process and hopefully that position will be filled by April of 2022.

Several major projects have or are in the process of being completed. Last spring our camp pool was sinking at one end into the marsh. A new bulkhead had to be constructed and the concrete lifted and stabilized. At the present our buildings are being painted and necessary repairs made. Storms and blowing sand wreak havoc on the paint and exterior wood. The cost of these projects has come from donations many of which were funneled through the Journey Through East Carolina campaign. We were also able to purchase a good used van through a grant from the Episcopal Shoppes from Saint John's, Fayetteville. Also, this year a small portion of the Oceanside property, approximately 3.5 acres, was offered for sale. There was never any plan to develop this area and its sale would create an endowment to help secure the future of the center.

There are 12 members of the Board of Managers who serve a term of 3 years. We try to seek members from all over the diocese but due to the distance from the northern areas of the diocese that has often proven difficult.

I personally consider Trinity Center to be the crown jewel of the diocese. Our new mission statement says it all, **"Trinity Center welcomes guests of all ages and backgrounds to experience God's creation through work, study, and play on the North Carolina coast."**

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