

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA  
MINUTES OF THE VESTRY  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2009**

In Attendance: Larry Taylor, Betty Rose Nagle, Mary Ann Keko, Mary Jo Barker, Mary Ellen Brown, Norm Crampton, Mary Ann Hart, Fr. Charlie Dupree+, Mo. Virginia Hall+, Kimberly Hurley, Randy Lloyd, Gates Agnew, Debbie Satterfield; Janet Stavropoulos, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

Storytelling/Meditation was provided by Gates Agnew.

August 2009 minutes were moved and accepted by all.

*Campus Ministry Update* – Linda C. Johnson+, Anya Peterson Royce, Guests

Anya – Everyone is working on getting the ECM office into shape at 7<sup>th</sup> & Park. This process started when the chaplaincy separated from Trinity 2 years ago. At the June 2008 retreat at St. Meinrad's, discussion developed around the idea of ECM as a nesting place, a stopping place for students, faculty, staff. ECM is connected to other helping entities on campus, and is part of the building of an ecumenical presence on campus. The Bishop wanted this position of leadership in ecumenical mission on campus as a signature in the diocese. The need to find a home came out of the retreat as part of building a presence, a place for retreats and discussions for students. ECM is now working with 2 students in the discernment process and sees this as part of its mission. Having 2 strong Episcopal ministries, one on the campus and one as a parish, will make the Episcopal Church strong in this community. Students also need parish life and ECM is not set up to do that nor does it want to do so.

Linda – I serve as president of the campus religious leaders association and of the Residence Hall Resource Team. This team serves as a complement to Counseling & Psychological Services. I was called when the student Mr. Duong was killed in a traffic incident on Fee Lane. I went to the hospital and met with the family. I also met the new Dean of Students Pete Goldsmith there and spent an hour with him to work on the service later held at McNutt, the proximate dorm to site of accident, attended by 150 students attended a week after incident. This type of activity shapes a lot of my regular work, more than 50% of which is devoted to pastoral counseling. The Bishop and the Commissioner on Higher Education say that the Chaplain serves the entire university, not just Episcopalian students. IU is seen as the most religiously diverse and supportive of all Big 10 schools. One of my goals is to go deeper into campus and institutional relationships regarding students, faculty, and staff. Former Dean Richard McKaig said that university chaplains are retention agents for university.

Charlie+ – The congregation is confused by the 2 different ministries. Linda and Anya are trying to articulate the differences between them. He then asked the Vestry for ideas on

questions that might be coming from the Trinity congregation. The document articulating the relationship has been left intentionally vague.

Mary Ellen – If Linda and Anya they would come and worship at Trinity on Sunday, this might answer some questions, and it would be nice.

Linda+ – Linda+ acknowledged this comment.

Norm – What ECM is doing can't be done from Trinity.

Linda+ – Lots of their programs are done with other interfaith groups, which is necessary because of budget cuts and is good because it also spreads visibility for ECM. The office will be available for drop-ins when it is finished.

Virginia+ – How can Trinity support ECM?

Linda+ – She is collegial with Charlie+, and they have good communication. The Thursday service and dinner at Trinity are important. ECM appreciates financial support from Trinity to the ECM program budget.

Charlie+ – He imagines in the future a sidebar on Trinity communications about ECM activities. He senses that some still mourn the loss of the Trinity and ECM connection.

Randy – It's good to have mutual communication regarding activities, running both ways.

Virginia+ – It would be good to have what they have said tonight in writing for dissemination at Trinity.

Charlie+ – The two ministries are very different and need to articulate this precisely to get the information out.

Anya – She hopes that Trinity people will come to open house when the new office is ready.

Linda+ – We at ECM were invited to join our neighbors for the 7<sup>th</sup> St. Open House. We saw students and handed out brochures.

Charlie+ – The next step is for the Chapel Mission is hearing on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00, IMU, for all congregations within 25 mile radius. Then the Chapel Mission initiative goes to the Diocesan Convention in October.

Linda+ – We are applying for this status because we have to. ECM needs canonical status in order to encumber the diocese for the purchase of real property. The window of opportunity to move on the purchase of the property is 5 years, and so far we have expended 18 months. This is the only property in that area that is privately owned, and it is part of a gateway

area to IU.

Thanks were expressed all around, and the guests departed.

General discussion followed in the group. The current Trinity financial support of ECM, as set out in the current annual budget, is \$ 6200.00.

Gates moved and Mary Jo Barker seconded to accept the covenant between Trinity and ECM as revised since the last Vestry meeting. All approved. Charlie+ commented that the Bishop has signed off on the revised covenant.

Charlie+ wants a community meeting of Trinity Church on Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00–7:30 in Ararat Room in advance of meeting on Chapel Mission status for ECM on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The purpose is for discussion about the current and future relationship between Trinity and ECM, so that people can get their questions out in the open. Linda+ will not be not invited so that people can speak freely, and Charlie+ will inform her of that fact.

*Treasurer's Report* – No report was given tonight as Murray was absent, although he arrived at the conclusion of the meeting and distributed balance sheets.

*People's Warden*, Kimberly – The Ministry Fair will take place on October 4<sup>th</sup>. This is not so much a recruitment activity as a demonstration of how the various ministries express the Three Os.

The Down Syndrome Buddy Walk will take place on October 4<sup>th</sup>; it is a major fundraiser for research. Nola Bloemendaal and Blake will be there.

The coat drive distribution will take place November 7<sup>th</sup>, and the Advent Fair will take place November 29<sup>th</sup>.

*Rector's Warden*, Randy – No report.

*Rector's Report* – Fr. Charlie. Regarding the Nominating Committee for the election of new Vestry members, the current Vestry members should serve. The Diocesan Convention will take place October 29—October 31. Our new parish administrator is Janet Brinkworth. It is hoped that she will focus on communications management, and she will work closely with the Communications Team. Fr. Charlie will be on vacation from October 9—23.

*Virginia Hall+* – Pat Martin and Thea Hosek had surgery, and both are doing well. A Pastoral Care retreat will take place this coming Saturday at Waycross, and fourteen people are signed up to attend.

For the coming season of the Winter Shelter, five nights out of seven are covered so far with Trinity, First United, and First Christian churches participating. The target date to open is November 1<sup>st</sup>, and Trinity nights will be Saturday and Sunday. The City of Bloomington and other entities are becoming involved.

Virginia+ has been accepted to the Leadership Bloomington program. She made a deposit of \$50, and she requested approval to pay forward next year's continuing education funds now for the remaining expense. She also received a \$350 scholarship from IU.

Betty Rose Nagle and Mary Ann Hart moved and seconded to approve Virginia's current use of next year's continuing education money. All agreed.

*Stewardship*, Larry -- The commission met on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Mary Ann Hart and Randy are involved on the commission. They have made a list of givers and pew-warmers and of people to be contacted. Richard Hvale is heading the annual campaign. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Bob Giannini will return for three services. The October *Topics* will contain a letter from Charlie+. Letters and pledge cards will go out on October 25<sup>th</sup> with the deadline for return the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Murray Robinson will be available two evenings in October to answer finance and stewardship questions. Ruth Witten and Larry have decided that the flowers will not be supported in the budget but will come strictly donations. This move will save thousands of dollars in the budget.

The average loose plate offering is \$12,340.00/year. It is thought that this might be used exclusively for human needs ministry. Charlie+ wants a six months' education program regarding pledges, loose plate, and other such issues because there are so many basic questions about stewardship.

*Charlie+* made a number of announcements and proposed actions for consideration and approval.

1. The Columbarium Committee has met. Policies are being tightened. The stolen ashes container has not yet been recovered.

2. Fr. Charlie gave the Centennial Celebration report on behalf of for Chris Johns. Every commission has an associated event. Everyone should follow through with events for their commissions.

3. Pat Martin wants approval for a \$1250.00 expenditure for signage to be placed on the archway, the corner gate of the garden, and by the Grant St. entrance. Mary Ann Keko and Debbie moved and seconded for approval, and all approved. The expenditure will come from the Building & Grounds budget.

4. There is an issue regarding use of the Kitchen. Students who reuse food from other entities to give to other service organizations would like to use the Kitchen Monday evenings, 5:30–8:30. They would clean up. This practice would be open-ended. Use can be modified or cancelled if conflicts with Trinity's use arise.

Randy moved to try it for three months, and Gates seconded. All approved.

5. He is in conversation with Amy Jackson, marketing director at Stone Belt, regarding

the mounting of an art exhibit upstairs, probably to be called Light and Life, November through February. All approved.

6. He spoke about the JamU, theater project, written by students and performed by Stone Belt clients. They would like to use the Ararat Room on Wednesday evenings in October for rehearsals. This was moved by Larry and seconded by Mary Jo. All approved.

7. The Bishop will be visiting on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and will speak at the Forum. Let's pull out the stops with a more elaborate coffee hour reception, etc.

8. The Blessing of the Animals will take place October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00. A guitarist and the children's choir will perform.

The next Vestry meeting will take place on October 28<sup>th</sup>, and the Wardens will meet on October 26<sup>th</sup>. At the Vestry meeting, Betty Rose will provide snacks, Todd LaDow will provide beverages, and Norm will contribute storytelling/devotions.

The motion to adjourn moved at 8:30 was seconded. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet C. Stavropoulos, Clerk