

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY: OCTOBER 28, 2009

In Attendance: Randy Lloyd, Fr. Charlie Dupree+, Betty Rose Nagle, Norm Crampton, Todd LaDow, Virginia Hall+, Mary Ann Keko, Larry Taylor, Patrick Martin, Mary Jo Barker, Gates Agnew. Also in attendance: Murray Robinson, Treasurer; Janet Stavropoulos, Clerk; Larry McMahan, Guest.

The meeting convened at 6:15 p.m. Norm Crampton provided storytelling and meditation.

No July 2009 minutes are yet available; the September 2009 minutes were moved, seconded, and accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Murray Robinson

The investment income of \$77,453.00 derives largely from an increase in market value. Net income for the year to date shows an \$18,000.00 profit, much of it from market increase and not all available to us for current operating expenses. We need to increase pledges and donations on a current basis. What we see for 2009 so far shows good planning and good luck. Commission budgets are due October 30 for 2010.

In the expense category, we have spent \$8500.00 less than budgeted for so far. We budgeted at a \$207,000.00 loss for the year. We have \$3,500,000.00 in assets, but we invade this principal by \$100,000/year. We need a fund of operating income to take care of the church facility. Theoretically, after the General Endowment is exhausted, then expenditures would be made from the Perpetual Endowment. Expenses will increase 2-3% per year. Financial information meetings will be held 3:30-4:30 and 7:00—8:00 next Monday through Thursday. It was moved and seconded that the Report be accepted, and all agreed.

Senior Warden – Randy Lloyd

He attended a Deanery meeting with Virginia+. The Diocesan budget is now really a budget. Virginia+ says that the Diocesan budget has items that are not described. A narrative budget will be recommended in future.

Rector – Charlie Dupree+

He had a good vacation. The moving of pews went well on Sunday after services. Movement of the altar has mixed reviews so far. The Stone Belt art show will be hung November 16. "Trinity Publications" is being put out by the Communications Team with information about the format and use of various parish communications. Janet Brinkworth, the new parish administrator, is working out well. We need to formalize issues regarding the Columbarium (disposition and removal of ashes) in accord with the Indiana Code.

Associate Rector – Virginia Hall+

Saints' awards should go to Kelly Carnahan and Eric Neilsen for their excellence in communications regarding the Shelter. The Friday afternoon Law Clinic is working out well and will expand to an additional day in order to deal with public benefits issues. She had her first session with Leadership Bloomington and will pick a project soon.

Stewardship – Larry Taylor

We will have a short targeted stewardship campaign from November 1-22. Four letters will go out. The goal is to be in positive cash flow within 5 years. Many speakers are set up for individual services starting November 1. Mary Ann Hart wrote a piece for "Topics." The Very Rev. Robert Gianinni will speak at three services on November 8. Rabbi Stephen Balaban of Beth Shalom will speak on November 15. We hope to increase the number of pledged donors by 10% and the dollar amount by 7%. The Bishop will speak on stewardship at Forum on November 22.

Charlie+ suggested that a report be made to the congregation after the campaign has concluded.

Chris Johns, Centennial Celebration, report given by Charlie+

The Centennial Celebration is going well. The Chilifest was successful. The next event is Sunday, November 1 at 4:00, a special All Saints Evensong featuring a performance of "Lux Aeterna."

Betty Rose Nagle – Outreach

She remarked on the need for a "non- dead" space for Marilyn Keiser. It would be great to give action to our appreciative words. Charlie+ added that a church that is alive acoustically enhances the sense of mystery and wonder.

There is an Internet link to the Interfaith Winter Shelter: www.interfaithwintershelter.org. This site contains information regarding shelter venues, the schedule, what is needed, and how to volunteer. The Shelter has received \$15,000.00 from the Community Foundation, nearly \$9000.00 from the County, \$5000.00 from the City, part-time administrator to oversee all sites, and \$1000.00 from the Unitarian Universalist Church. The Shelter will begin this season on November 1 at the Juke Box. About 300 volunteers have been trained so far. Trinity has received \$3000.00. The biggest cost is laundry.

Charlie+ commented that, because of the Shelter, some changes in duties of the sextons will be needed, so Buildings & Grounds and Personnel should meet.

Buildings & Grounds – Pat Martin

Pat reviewed major projects for CY 2009 and 2010, attached.

There is no record that tuckpointing has ever been done. Some water damage has occurred. We need to replace flashing (tin running down the sides of roofing that directs water to outside, not under roofing).

Motion: to tuckpoint (maintenance function; ceiling of the skin) exterior of the sanctuary, the north face of the Great Hall, and the garden side of the Great Hall (not east or south alley), replace

flashing on sanctuary roof, clean all of stone so that stone old stone will match new. Murray says one endowment will pay for it because it is dedicated to the building maintenance and the church proper. The estimate is \$14,600.00 from Whaley Construction. This needs to be done as soon as possible. All top flat surfaces are worse off. The project involves tuckpointing, replacing flashing, and cleaning the sanctuary and great hall and courtyard walls. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

For 2010, see attached sheet in chronological order. There is a chain of need.

Fr. Charlie+

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place January 24, 2010, with four Vestry members to be elected.

Gates led a discussion of the upcoming election and provided explanatory handouts that will be distributed.

As to a Vestry retreat, there has been a suggestion to do it in town, with a nice dinner afterwards, to save money at this time.

Mary Ann Keko

The Daughters of the King exist for prayer and service. DOK members are prayer partners, to be contacted and asked for special prayers.

Fr. Charlie+

On November 11, Bishop Cate will meet with the Vestry. We will gather here at 6:00, and the meeting will start at 6:30. Charlie+ will provide refreshments. This is the Bishop's meeting. Therefore we should keep November 18 on schedule for the regular meeting because of budget considerations. For November 18, beverages will be provided by Pat Martin, Todd La Dow will provide snacks, and Larry Taylor will give the opening.

Charlie+ concluded with the comment that "lots of good things are happening in the parish."

The meeting was adjourned 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet C. Stavropoulos, Clerk