



Trinity Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2008

Present:

Gates Agnew
Mary Jo Barker
Mary Ellen Brown
Steve Chambers
Father Charlie Dupree+
Virginia Hall+
Stanley Hamilton

Mary Ann Hart
Gretchen Horlacher
Kim Hurley
Mary Ann Keko
Anne Jones
Pat Martin
Connie Pepler

Murray Robinson
Debbie Satterfield
Danica D'Onofrio
Ross Martinie Eiler
Marilyn Keiser
Steve Hale - Clerk

The meeting convened at 6:45 p.m. with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes from July 23 Vestry Meeting: Stanley Hamilton moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Gretchen Horlacher seconded. Passed.

Introduction of Danica D'Onofrio and Ross Martinie Eiler: Danica, the new education director and Ross, the new director of adult education & new member ministry were introduced to the Vestry by Kim Hurley and Anne Jones. The Vestry welcomed them to Trinity Church.

Treasurer's Report: Murray Robinson presented a statement of year-to-date operations through July, a statement of assets, liabilities & equity and a schedule of asset funds.

Murray reported that we had a new bookkeeper start at Trinity. The person got off to a good start but left after 2 weeks for another job better suited to her qualifications. Murray has interviewed another candidate who is very promising.

There will be some significant adjustments in next month's reports to reclassify some expenses as capital expenditures. Also, accounts associated with the Capital Campaign and the construction loans will be rolled into the reports.

Gates Agnew asked about an asset fund that showed a negative balance. Murray said that this will need to be investigated.

Pat Martin asked if we have kept up with the decisions that need to be made since Elbert Johns passed away. Murray said that we have updated the signatures on the church's bank accounts, we are proceeding as planned to consolidate the Capital Campaign and construction loans into a single set of reports and we are waiting on a response from the Diocese on Trinity's application to refinance our construction loan.

Mary Ellen Brown moved to accept the treasurer's report. Stanley Hamilton seconded. Passed.

Rector's Report: Father Charlie+ reported that he arrived at Trinity on Monday. During the next few weeks he will work on collecting information. He will be looking for ways to provide a more effective flow of communication within the parish. These will include using email for an e-news letter and for basic announcements to the congregation and to friends of congregation. He expects that this will reduce the number of announcements needed during the church service. Mary Ellen Brown asked about how we will reach people without email. Father Charlie+ said that announcements will still be mailed but perhaps at a different frequency than our current process.

Father Charlie+ said that coming to Bloomington has been great.

Assisting Clergy's Report: Virginia Hall+ reported that she received a call from a Chinese student looking for a 5 month home stay. This will be announced in the bulletin. EFM has started and met last Sunday. She will have a vacation week in Guatemala where she will attend the ordination of a former student.

Deacon's Report: Connie Pepler reported that the Habitat house is almost complete. She will lead the closing prayer at the dedication for the house. Connie has been designated as the contact person in the Diocese to distribute funds in Owen County to help with unmet needs of flood victims. She will work with social workers in the county and a committee in Diocese.

Update from the Director of Music: Marilyn Keiser reported that choir has lots of new people this fall and is ready to resume in force.

Rector's Warden's Report: Steve Chambers reported that a new letter of agreement has been signed with Virginia Hall+ to extend her service to Trinity.

Steve passed out the Sunday lock-up sign-up sheets.

Steve reported that Renovo, a university group, will be resuming their feeding ministry in the Great Hall this fall starting September 7. Someone will need to let them in and lock up after them on Saturdays when they will be using our kitchen for preparations.

Gates Agnew said the use of the kitchen by Renovo on Saturday may be an issue. Stanley Hamilton said we need ongoing supervision of the kitchen while Renovo is using it. Steve Chambers will follow up with Jennifer Lloyd.

Mary Ellen Brown reminded the Vestry that there was a sense at a prior meeting that Trinity needs to hire a weekend sexton or sacristan to help with this sort of thing.

Anne Jones pointed out that this role is an opportunity for stewardship. If we are clear about what needs to be done, more people will be willing to contribute.

Stanley Hamilton moved to hire sacristan as soon as possible with hours to be worked out. Betty Rose Nagle seconded. Anne Jones asked where the salary would come from. Father Charlie+ asked if someone could come up with plan. Anne Jones suggested that the personnel committee do this and provide a job description. Stanley Hamilton said that this was not the original task of the personnel committee. Steve Chambers offered to work with Mary Ellen Brown and Pat Martin to hire a sacristan. Motion passed.

Steve Chambers welcomed Father Charlie to Trinity saying we are glad to have him.

Commission Reports:

Outreach: Betty Rose Nagle announced that there will be a Tri-Parish Coalition event on Sunday September 21st at Waycross.

Stewardship: Mary Ann Hart reported that the commission has scheduled dates for Forum presentations.

Old Business:

Election of new People's Warden: Steve Chambers reported that while a few Vestry members nominated other individuals, no one nominated themselves. Anne Jones has allowed her name to be submitted for consideration. Anne will retire from this position in January when her Vestry membership expires.

Stanley Hamilton moved that Anne Jones be approved by the Vestry as the People's Warden until the end of her term. Gretchen Horlacher seconded. Motion passed with applause.

Anne Jones said that it is a profound privilege to be of service on the Vestry and to be chosen as People's Warden. Father Charlie+ said he will announce this in church.

New Business:

Rent for 12 Step Groups: Steve Chambers said Jacque is beginning to hear from 12 step groups asking to use rooms in the new wing for their meetings. Trinity has a policy specifying rent for certain spaces. He needs Vestry approval to allow these groups pay what they can pay rather than agree to a fixed rate. Mary Ann Keko asked if they will have access to kitchen. Steve said that these groups bring their own coffee. Gates Agnew asked if an agreement should be for a particular period of time. Anne Jones said that hosting these groups is an important part of Trinity's stewardship and outreach.

Kim Hurley moved to allow the 12 step groups to use the "pay what they can pay" approach that has been used in the past. Mary Jo Barker seconded. Motion passed with one opposed.

Nursery Care for all evening events: Steve Chambers reported that he has spoken with Danica on this subject and she wants to know our policy. She desires that we provide nursery care for scheduled events at the church. We could provide an alms box to collect donations to help with the cost. Danica needs a decision from the Vestry for this commitment.

Anne Jones said the Vestry agreed to do this in a meeting two years ago and no motion or decision is needed.

Vestry Stewardship Pledge: Mary Ann Hart distributed a document for the Vestry to sign for the stewardship pledge.

Stanley Hamilton moved to approve the letter. Mary Ann Keko seconded. Passed.

Anne Jones said that we should develop a Vestry job description that includes this commitment and she wants to work with others on this task.

September 14 Building Dedication: Gates Agnew reported that the service for the dedication has been written in rough draft. Anne Jones suggested that businesses close to the church also be invited.

Earth Care Class Mid-October to November: Virginia Hall reported that there is a request for Trinity to have this class and she needs a vote of support from the Vestry. The Vestry endorsed this class by saying "Aye".

Request to have Julian Couzens interred in Columbarium: Steve Chambers reported that the family has requested that the remains of Julian Couzens be interred in our columbarium and has offered to provide a donation. Trinity's policy states that interring non-members requires Vestry approval.

Pat Martin moved to allow Julian Couzens to be interred in the columbarium. Anne Jones seconded. Passed.

Father Charlie+ said we should form a columbarium committee. Gates Agnew so moved. Anne Jones seconded. Passed.

Approval for Canterbury to again use Kitchen for Thursday evening gatherings: Steve Chambers reported that Jacque has brought this to the Vestry for approval. Kim Hurly asked if members of Canterbury have been trained in the use of the new kitchen. Debbie Satterfield said that they have.

Stanley Hamilton moved to approve. Gretchen Horlacher seconded. Passed.

Diocesan Convention Worship / Morning Prayer at Trinity: Steve Chambers reported that last year we chartered a bus to go to the communion service at the Diocesan Convention when it was held in Columbus. This year the convention is in Evansville which is a longer trip. Steve shared quotes he had collected for various sizes of buses and asked the Vestry if we want to do this. Gates Agnew suggested encouraging people to go in car pools but not providing buses.

Motion to adjourn: Betty Rose Nagle moved to adjourn. Kim Hurley seconded. Passed.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Meal assignments for September 24:

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| Set up | Mary Jo Barker |
| Beverage | Pat Martin |
| Salad | Mary Ann Keko |
| Entrée | Debbie Satterfield |
| Dessert | Betty Rose Nagle |
| Clean up | All |