

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting**  
**Monday, March 15, 2010**

**Present:** Ron Pogue (Interim Pastor), Ellen Tracy (Senior Warden), Ann Rosenthal (Junior Warden), Dave Edington, Donna Griffin, Patricia Henshall, Debbie Pitts, Joan Ring, Kent Tomlinson, Dan Ward, Maria Thompson (Clerk)

**Absent:** Mark Holmberg, Paul McLain (Curate), Garth Myers, Micah Seybold

**Guest:** Patty Johnson

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Fr. Ron led a prayer to open the meeting.

**Declaration of Quorum**

A count was taken and a quorum declared.

**Approval of the Minutes of the February 2010 Meeting**

Ann made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February meeting. Debbie seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Financial Report**

Patty Johnson, Trinity's Financial Secretary, discussed the financial report.

- We are behind on pledge collections for the year.
- Plate collections at the 6:00 service have been lower than expected.
- There was some discussion regarding the deficit currently shown in the financial report. Part of that is the result of our paying off our 2009 apportionment in January, and part is because of our February payment for the 2008 audit.
- There was a discussion of the Grocery Income For Trinity (GIFT) income and how that should be reflected in the financial report.

Debbie made a motion to accept the financial report. Donna seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Articles of Incorporation**

Patricia obtained our Articles of Incorporation from the Office of the Kansas Secretary of State. We need to make sure our by-laws are not in conflict with the Articles, and otherwise ensure that the Articles are up-to-date. Fr. Ron asked that all vestry members review them.

**Interim Pastor's Report**

- Fr. Ron met with Jay Currie, the Diocesan CPA, regarding our accounts and financial reporting.
- Our Sunday attendance is on par for this time of year.

**Senior Warden's Report**

- We have received numerous applications for the rector position, as well as many recommendations from parishioners.
- We continue the search for a treasurer. There are a couple of people who have recently indicated that they might be interested in the job.
- Ellen and Liz Hare will co-chair this year's Progressive Dinner.

**Junior Warden's Report**

- Greg Hazen and Tod Sutton have permanently affixed the bronze Stations of the Cross to the walls in the nave.
- The floor of the parish hall will be professionally stripped and resurfaced by ServiceMaster over the course of a couple days. Access to the parish hall will be prohibited during that time.

- There has been a continuing problem of outside doors not being locked, mostly because they don't fully latch when they are closed. Someone from Rueschoff Locksmiths will come to evaluate the doors and make recommendations.

### **By-Laws**

Kent discussed the on-going revisions of the by-laws.

- Bill Sampson is reviewing the work that has been done by the committee.
- The by-laws will be sent to the vestry for review by e-mail.
- The committee will meet with the people who opposed the by-laws when they were presented at the 2010 annual meeting.
- They will then be forwarded to the bishop and chancellor for approval before being presented again to the parish.

Ann made a motion to accept Kent's report regarding the by-laws. Donna seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Liaison Reports**

#### Administration

- The Communications Team has met twice. A pictorial directory is being planned.
- Ann has met with Jerry Hare regarding the Endowment Board.
- Micah will be meeting with Nathan Haley to plan for computer systems and web development.
- We hope to have the membership of the Financial Committee finalized soon.

#### Discipleship

- Donna, Dan and Garth have met with Fr. Ron and Fr. Paul a few times. They are planning to ask their various groups what they need, and will try to support them in any way possible.
- They would like to have additional volunteers for some areas, such as Youth Group.
- We have groups that many parishioners don't know about. They are going to be encouraged to communicate more with the parish.
- Dan will serve as liaison for the Stewardship Committee. We currently need someone who will chair and form the committee.

#### Outreach

- Patricia and Kent have met with Fr. Ron.
- The groups they've talked to so far seem happy to have vestry liaisons.
- Barry Molineaux has been asking for pantry volunteers since December. Patricia asked if any vestry members would be willing to help out at least one day a month, or help find people who will.

#### Parish Life

- Dave and Mark have met with Fr. Ron.
- They are trying to find out who is leading each group and what their plans are for the future.
- They would like to see more people work with the Hospitality Committee.

#### Worship

- Things in this area seem to be going well.
- Brian Haupt is leading the acolytes and is doing a great job.
- Debbie discussed the possibility of fostering connections between the ushers of the different services so there might be more conformity in procedures.

With the vestry's approval, Brian Haupt needs to be licensed to become a Eucharistic minister. Debbie made a motion to recommend Brian Haupt to the bishop for licensing as a Eucharistic minister. Donna seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Financial Signees**

The Banking Resolution needs to be amended to show additional signers:

Barry Molineaux for the Food Pantry

Jerry Hare for the Endowment Board

Patty Johnson, so she can access our accounts for the purpose of transferring funds between accounts

Ann made a motion to name Barry Molineaux, Jerry Hare and Patricia Johnson as additional signatories in Trinity financial matters. Donna seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Spiritual Reflection**

Ann talked about being a reclusive person, and how she dislikes meetings. She has prayed for direction, and is working in answer to her prayers.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Fr. Ron led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Thompson, Clerk