

Trinity Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2009

Present: Jonathon Jensen (Rector), Ellen Tracey (Senior Warden), Tom McCoy (Junior Warden), Margaret Bearse, Doug Flessing, Donna Griffin, Mark Holmberg, Nancy Kelly, Debbie Pitts, Joan Ring, Micah Seybold, Marty Smith, Kent Tomlinson, Keith Yehle, Matt Lord (Treasurer), Paul McLain (Curate)

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Jonathon at 7:07 p.m. He led a prayer to open the meeting.

Pump n Pray Report

Steve Segebrecht and Bob Sanner reported on the G.I.F.T. The program purchases gift cards from grocery stores for \$94/\$100 value. So far they have generated \$619 profit from sales of \$10,200.

Treasurer's Report

Matt discussed the financial reports and forecast. Because of a computer crash a couple of months ago, and changes to the software, there has been some difficulty getting reports of all the different accounts to agree with one another. It seems advisable to hire an accounting or bookkeeping firm to reconcile accounts to date and keep these records in the future. Matt reports that this will cost about \$10,000, but will be offset in part by decreased bookkeeper hours, but they can not start until after tax season. Ellen, Matt and Fr. Jonathan will get more concrete proposals. The bookkeepers duties would be considerably reduced, but changes in office staff hours might utilize time from that position. The vestry directed the treasurer to do the best he can to monitor our cash position and make sure that we are not overdrawn until these changes can be accomplished.

Vestry Handbook

Kent reviewed Chapter 2 of the handbook.

Rector's Report

- Received a report from Bonnie Haupt on the acolytes meeting she attended.
- Joshua Bullock is coming.
- Holy Week schedule was passed out.
- The Lenten class on death and dying has been well attended, with many diverse questions asked.
- Discussion of some occasional services of morning prayer in the future to experience the liturgy and the canticles.
- A drawing of the church floor plan will be hung over the water fountain.
- Reviewed parochial report. Debbie moved that we approve it, Nancy seconded, and it was unanimously approved.
- After some discussion of the history of the Art Show, there was general agreement that every year was too often, but artists hanging paintings in the parish hall from time to time might attract people to visit us. A committee was appointed for 2 years to discuss the feasibility and procedure: Donna (chair), Kent, Micah.

Curate's Report

- We have a number of new young families and need to be sure we are ministering to them.
- Need a coordinator for the VBS. Are considering working with St. Margaret's.

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Senior Warden's Report

Ellen attended Lay leaders workshop at the cathedral.

Junior Warden's Report

- Some problems with plumbing which clogged some toilets, perhaps as the result of toys being flushed. Children should not be let unsupervised in the nursery.
- Spring cleanup is being organized..

Memorials

There is a wish list of specific things that can be presented to some one interested in a memorial gift. Vestry members who know of something that is needed in their area of ministry should present these items for inclusion.

Stewardship

We should have a committee to emphasize stewardship year round. Ellen will get some materials.

By-laws

Copies of a draft of the proposed by-law changes were distributed to study for consideration at the next meeting.

Spiritual Reflection

Joan Ring shared about a particularly meaningful Easter she experienced.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Bearse, Substitute for the clerk