

Trinity Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2009

Present: Jonathon Jensen (Rector), Ellen Tracy (Senior Warden), Dave Edington, Donna Griffin, Mark Holmberg, Nancy Kelley, Joan Ring, Micah Seybold, Marty Smith, Susan Tate, Kent Tomlinson, Maria Thompson (Clerk)

Absent: Tom McCoy (Junior Warden), Matt Lord (Treasurer), Margaret Bearse, Garth Myers, Debbie Pitts

Guests: Dave Owen, Dan Rosenthal

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Jonathon at 7:10 p.m. He led a prayer to open the meeting.

Declaration of Quorum

A count was taken and a quorum declared.

Approval of the Minutes of the March 2009 Meeting

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the March meeting, with two spelling corrections noted. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Rector's Report

- Attendance was normal at the 8:00 and 6:00 services on Easter Sunday. It was 446 at the 10:30 service.
- Attendance was good at all three services on April 19, the Sunday after Easter. There were six baptisms at the 10:30 service.
- There was good participation at the *Death and Dying* class that was held during Lent.

Curate's Report

- Fr. Paul celebrated the Solemn High Mass for the first time on April 19. He is grateful to the staff and lay persons who helped out.
- Trinity and St. Margaret's are teaming up to hold Vacation Bible School in the Family Life Center at St. Margaret's on the evenings of June 22-26.
- There are currently three baptisms scheduled for June 7th, the day of the bishop's visitation. Eight people are participating in the confirmation class.
- Nathaniel Mayhew has met with Fr. Paul and Fr. Jonathon to discuss the possibility of becoming a deacon.
- Fr. Paul will be attending a seminar on an area of interest to him, faith and economics.
- He will be attending the Magnetic Church Conference in May.

Energy Audit

Dave Owen and Dan Rosenthal, representing the Trinity Environmental Stewardship Team's Energy Audit Subcommittee, presented a summary of the energy audit report.

- Due to a lack of funds, the vestry decided not to take action at this time. The audit subcommittee was asked to put their recommendations on the "wish list" in the parish hall to see if there are parishioners who might be interested in financing any of them.
- There was discussion regarding selling tax credits we could earn by making the building more energy efficient. Susan agreed to investigate options.
- The vestry thanked the subcommittee for their work.

Senior Warden's Report

Art in the Parish Hall

Ellen presented a consignment agreement she developed as a contract between Trinity and artists whose works are displayed on our property. It is a simple contract that can be modified to suit the individual artist if necessary. She asked that vestry members review the agreement and be prepared to vote on it at the May meeting.

Other Items

- Ellen and Fr. Jonathon have been meeting regularly. They are looking into ways to save costs for accounting work. Liz Hare's role will be changing to something simpler, and most of our financial work will be done by an accounting professional.
- So far, we are financially sound. The crunch time will come in the summer, when pledges traditionally fall off.
- Ellen would like to form a committee to develop a program for planned giving.
- She is currently learning about the Endowment Board.

Standing Committees (Committees of the Vestry)

Fr. Jonathon asked vestry members to review a list of standing committees and give him ideas of what might need to be deleted, kept or added. He also asked that everyone think about a committee in which they might want to participate. The committees will be discussed at the May vestry meeting.

Spiritual Reflection

Mark discussed a time in 1976 when his hemoglobin was low, but the cause couldn't be found. Surgery was the only choice doctors had, but it was a risky proposition. Mark's wife called all the churches with which they'd been involved, and asked that their members pray for him. He started feeling better the next day, his hemoglobin began to rise, and the surgery was cancelled – a testament to the power of prayer.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Thompson, Clerk