

Trinity Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2009

Present: Ellen Tracy (Senior Warden), Paul McLain (Curate), Margaret Bearse, Dave Edington, Donna Griffin, Mark Holmberg, Nancy Kelley, Garth Myers, Debbie Pitts, Joan Ring, Micah Seybold, Susan Tate, Kent Tomlinson, Matt Lord (Treasurer), Maria Thompson (Clerk)

Absent: Tom McCoy, Marty Smith

Guest: Onva Boshears

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

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

Declaration of Quorum

A count was taken and a quorum declared.

Approval of the Minutes of the May 2009 Meeting

Garth made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May meeting. Donna seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Solemn High Mass

Onva Boshears presented the results of a survey that was distributed at the Sunday evening service. Among the highlights:

- Twenty-four people who regularly attend this service have become new members of Trinity.
- The service represents a congregation in and of itself.
- We have received funds from the diocese to help with the cost of the dinners that follow this service. None of the parish's hospitality budget has been spent on the dinners.

Onva asked that the vestry consider, as soon as possible, whether or not to continue with the Solemn High Mass on Sunday evenings so he can start the planning if we choose to continue the service.

Curate's Report

- Nathan Haley has been a great addition to the office this summer.
- Paul will be leaving for continuing education on June 16.
- The Young Families picnic will be at Burcham Park on June 20.
- Ruthie McLain's internship in Washington, DC is going well. Paul will visit her July 1-6. George Wiley will fill in while Paul is gone.
- Asher San Miguel will be baptized on July 12.

Senior Warden's Report

- Ellen expressed thanks to Donna Griffin for preparing the photo for Fr. Jonathon's farewell gift. The purse that was given to him came to about \$4,300, and donations continue to come in.
- Ellen handed out copies of the *Vestry Charge to the Profile and Search Committees*.
- The bishop will want time to meet with any candidates we bring in for the interim position.
- Jerry Hare, as Transition Chair, will make monthly reports to the vestry.
- Joan Ring is going to be in charge of communicating with the parish regarding the progress of the search.

Interim Rector Candidate Visit

The first candidate for the interim job will visit Trinity the weekend of June 26-28. A general outline of the visit is below:

Friday, June 26

- The candidate and his wife will arrive in the afternoon.
- The bishop plans to meet with the candidate at 4:00.
- Ellen will meet the candidate and his wife and escort them to dinner at Teller's. Donna, Joan, and Susan will meet them at the restaurant at 7:00. It is expected that vestry members will pay for their own meals.

Saturday, June 27

- The candidate might have breakfast with the bishop. Joan Ring will escort the candidate's wife (and the candidate, if he's not breakfasting with the bishop) to the Farmer's Market.
- The candidate will meet with the church staff and tour the church around 10:00. This time will include a private meeting with Ruthie Townsend. During this time Donna Olson will show the candidate's wife around Lawrence and take her to lunch.
- Fr. Paul will have lunch with the candidate.
- The vestry will formally interview the candidate around 4:00 p.m. All members who will be in attendance are asked to be prepared with questions.
- The interview will be followed by an informal social time in the parish hall. Following that will be a dinner at the home of Debbie and Andy Pitts. Dave will provide a barbeque entree, and everyone else is asked to bring a side dish.

Sunday, June 28

The candidate has been invited to attend one of our worship services.

Information for the Interim Rector Candidate

The candidate has requested information regarding the vestry's agenda for the interim period. It was agreed that the things we want to stress are:

1. We are a healthy, happy parish.
2. We want to keep Fr. Paul at Trinity.
3. We want the Solemn High Mass to continue on Sunday nights during the academic year.
4. We want to keep Rite I at the 8:00 service.
5. We want to continue the monthly service at Brandon Woods.
6. Christian education needs to be strengthened.
7. The interim rector will need to be involved with the stewardship campaign.

Dave made a motion to authorize the senior warden to include the seven points listed above in the information she will send to the interim rector candidate. Donna seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Solemn High Mass

Margaret made a motion to continue the Solemn High Mass at 6:00 on Sunday evenings during the academic year. Garth seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Stewardship Campaign

There was discussion regarding people who might be asked to serve on the Stewardship Committee. Sandra Wiechert, last year's stewardship chair, suggested the name of someone who might be interested in chairing the committee this year.

Nancy made a motion to authorize the senior warden to contact the person suggested by Sandra Wiechert to chair the Stewardship Committee. Joan seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

There was a motion to contact a second person to chair the Stewardship Committee if the first person declines the appointment. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Operating Fund and Balance Sheets

- Matt is still in the process of cleaning up the books.

- We took in more than was budgeted in the past month, but pledge payments are still down.
- We are down by more than \$90,000 in the operating fund, but all funds combined are looking pretty good. The operating fund shortfall includes the deficit left over from 2008.
- There is currently \$81,399 in the capital campaign money market account, which will be used to pay off an \$81,247 construction loan from People's Bank.

Accountant

Terry Garrett has agreed to work for \$500 per month, rather than \$30 per hour. This should enable us to keep his line in the payroll below the \$8,000 maximum that was budgeted.

Giving Statements

Some concern was expressed regarding giving statements that have not been sent to parishioners. Matt will look into it.

Garth made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Donna seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Spiritual Reflection

Micah talked about witnessing a car accident, which his mother and four others did not survive, when he was a teenager. Though he was hurt and angry at the loss of his mother, he told his sister they had to stay close to God through the ordeal. His church was there to support his family, and he learned how important it was to have that network in his life.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Fr. Paul led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Thompson, Clerk