

**Trinity Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Monday, October 20, 2008**

Present: Jonathon Jensen (Rector), Polly Spencer (Senior Warden), Tom McCoy (Junior Warden), Margaret Bearse, Doug Flessing, Leslie Foust, Nancy Kelly, Garth Myers, Debbie Pitts, Marty Smith, Susan Tate, Kent Tomlinson, Keith Yehle, Maria Thompson (Clerk), Brad Chindamo (Asst. Treasurer), Paul McLain (Intern/Curate)

Absent: Donna Griffin, Matt Lord (Treasurer), Pam Paden

Guests: Onva Boshears, Nancy Hanson, Dave Owen, Shirley Reese

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Jonathon at 7:00 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 September 2008 Meeting

Garth made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September meeting. The motion was seconded by Debbie and passed by unanimous vote.

Ploughman's Lunch

Shirley Reese discussed the Ploughman's Lunch and requested that each member of the vestry sell ten tickets.

Energy Audit

Dave Owen and Nancy Hanson presented the preliminary report developed by the auditors. The final report will be presented when the audit is complete.

- Our energy costs amount to \$0.93 per square foot each month, which is considered high for a space that is not in constant use.
- If we get in the habit of turning off all lights when spaces are not being used, we could save up to \$2,000 per year.

They also discussed Kansas Interfaith Power and Light, a consortium of churches who pledge to lower their energy usage.

Treasurer's Report

- The outside audit is still in process.
- The worth of our investments has dropped due to losses in the markets.
- The debt to our special funds has grown due to operating expenses and lower-than-expected pledge collections.
- It currently appears that we may end the year in the red.
- Brad suggested that we attempt to get pledges in the amount of \$400,000 for 2009.
- 2009 pledges are ahead of where they were expected to be at this time. There are 26 new pledges, and total pledging as of this meeting is at \$247,000.

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

Rector's Report

- November 2 is All Saints Sunday. Five baptisms are scheduled and the names of parishioners who died in the past year will be read.
- There will be a concert of the combined choirs at 5:30 p.m. on November 2.
- The Diocesan Convention will be held in Wichita on October 25.
- We haven't yet found a new parish administrator. Ruthie Townsend has agreed to stay on at full-time for another six to twelve months. Barb Roehl will work in the office ten hours per week for six months.
- Fr. Jonathon is looking for someone to lead the 2009 vestry retreat. It was agreed that the retreat should last no longer than one day.

Sunday Evening Service

Onva Boshears discussed the evening service.

- The service is thriving.

- The average attendance in 2007 was 64. So far in 2008 it has been around 55.
- There are approximately 130 individuals who attend.
- \$26,500 in new pledges has come from this service.
- Year-to-date expenses for this service are \$15,000. There has been \$6,000 in plate collections.
- Among the yearly expenses that will be covered by plate offerings and pledge collections:
 - \$11,520 – choir
 - \$5,500 – organist
 - \$7,000 – music director
- We have submitted two grant proposals, for \$1,200 each, to help reimburse the people who provide the after-service meals.
- There has been a good response from students, with 15-30 in attendance. Some of them have pledged.

Intern/Curate's Report

- The Brandon Woods service is going well and means a lot to the people who live there.
- A Child Protection Task Force has been formed and will be chaired by Deb Orozco. They will be developing guidelines for all people who work with children and youth in our parish.
- Barry Molineux is working on a proposal to get the food pantry designated as a Jubilee Center, which will make it eligible for grants that are not available to us now.
- Paul's ordination will be on December 6.

Senior Warden's Report

Episcopal Community Services is training under-employed people in new skills. One group that is learning about catering provided refreshments after services at Trinity one Sunday in October.

Junior Warden's Report

- Tod Sutton and Greg Hazen put new lights in the sanctuary.
- We passed our fire inspection.
- Tom planted the rose bushes that were given by Diana Dyal.
- Water has been coming in on the north wall of the choir loft. It's been determined by MarLan and the roofer that the problem is not in the roof. Mortar joints in the stone wall of the steeple are bad, especially close to the roof, so repairs will have to be made.
- Tom will be painting the window frames and stair railings outside.
- Some of the chairs in the chapel need to be repaired.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has been charged with developing a slate for the elections at the annual meeting. Leslie agreed to chair the committee. The other out-going vestry members who will be on the committee are Doug, Pam and Keith. The at-large members will be Mary Mozingo and Lee Heeter.

New Business

- There was a request for more bulletins with large print.
- Fr. Jonathon and Marty both got bids for speakers that would allow the entire altar party to hear the sermons and readings, but the costs are prohibitive.

Spiritual Reflection

Tom talked about being blessed to have had supportive people around him throughout his life.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Fr. Jonathon led the prayer to close.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Thompson, Clerk