

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting**  
**Monday, November 17, 2008**

**Present:** Jonathon Jensen (Rector), Polly Spencer (Senior Warden), Tom McCoy (Junior Warden), Margaret Bearse, Doug Flessing, Donna Griffin, Nancy Kelly, Pam Paden, Debbie Pitts, Marty Smith, Kent Tomlinson, Keith Yehle, Matt Lord (Treasurer), Maria Thompson (Clerk), Paul McLain (Intern/Curate)

**Absent:** Leslie Foust, Garth Meyers, Susan Tate

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Jonathon at 7:05 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 October 2008 Meeting**

Keith made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October meeting. The motion was seconded by Kent and passed by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

Matt discussed the financial reports and forecast.

- We face the possibility of ending the year with a deficit of \$56,552, mostly due to unpaid pledges.
- There is currently a deficit of \$70,000 in special funds because we've had to draw from them to pay operating expenses. However, we have not had to dip into our operating line of credit at People's Bank.
- We have received 190 pledges for 2009, amounting to approximately \$290,000. The Stewardship Committee has done a great job, especially considering the current economic climate. We have more pledges than usual for this time of year.
- Our investments at Morgan Stanley are down 10%.
- The outside audit is complete. Brad Chindamo will present the report at the December vestry meeting.
- Matt, Brad and Fr. Jonathon are working to develop a budget for 2009, which will hopefully be ready for presentation at the December vestry meeting.

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

**Rector's Report**

- The Ploughman's Lunch went very well.
  - The two lunch seatings helped keep crowds down and there was better flow through the parish hall.
  - Saturday proved to be better than our traditional Thursday for the event, as more parishioners were able to help out. Turnout was good, although we were not able to capture downtown lunch traffic.
  - Trinity Treasures made \$4,300, most of which has already been distributed to various organizations.
  - The Bake Sale almost sold out.
- The preaching schedule for January through May is complete.
- Fr. Schmeidler, from St. John's Catholic Church, will preach at the 6:00 service on November 23 and will be honored for work done by St. John's on behalf of the food pantry.
- New nametags are coming.
- Barry Molineaux is going to send a grant application to Episcopal Community Services of Kansas City on behalf of the food pantry.
- Ruthie Townsend has over 30 days of vacation time saved, so will be trying to use some of it up in November and December.
- Bishop Wolfe has asked that the Trinity Environmental Stewardship Team (TEST) lead the diocesan ministry in environmental stewardship.

- TEST has asked that Trinity become a member of Kansas Interfaith Power and Light.
  - Nancy made a motion to authorize the rector to sign the Kansas Interfaith Power and Light covenant, making Trinity a founding member church. Donna seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Jim Ralston's concert on November 2 went very well.
- Fr. Jonathon discussed the Christmas schedule.
- The vestry needs to determine what should be accomplished at the vestry retreat; please e-mail ideas to Fr. Jonathon. Once we have a plan, we can find the right person to lead the retreat.
- In honor of Paul's ordination, we plan to present him with a gift card to help with the purchase of a new clergy wardrobe.

### **Intern/Curate's Report**

- We have applied to be a Jubilee Church, which may make us eligible for certain grants to help the food pantry.
- The Child Protection Task Force has met and is developing guidelines for parishioners who work with children and youth.
- Ann Patterson will direct the Christmas Pageant.
- Paul discussed the training he is getting during his time at Trinity.

### **Senior Warden's Report**

Ann Patterson has been asked to design a birthday card that will be sent to parishioners.

### **Junior Warden's Report**

- Tom has been replacing light bulbs with ones that are more efficient.
- A new bulletin board is ready to go up in the parish hall. It will be used for church news. The one that is in the hallway, next to the kitchen door, will be for community news.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee has come up with 20 names for the slate of vestry candidates. The names have been given to Fr. Jonathon so they can be checked for eligibility, then he will start calling to see who will accept nomination. Ellen Tracy has already agreed to run for senior warden, and Tom has agreed to stay on another year as junior warden.

### **New Business**

#### Coffee Hour

Marty passed around a sign-up form, asking that vestry members help with the after-service coffee hour on Sunday mornings. She noted that the refreshments should be kept simple.

#### Kansas Collection

Margaret said that a person from the Kansas Collection at the Spencer Research Library has come to Trinity once and will be back. We need to sign a Certificate of Gift, which will include assignment of copyright to either Trinity or Spencer Research Library.

Margaret made a motion to sign the Certificate of Gift and assign the copyright to Trinity Episcopal Church. Keith seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Spiritual Reflection**

Kent, a hunter, talked about feeling and seeing God while alone in the wilderness.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Paul led the prayer to close.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Thompson, Clerk