

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting**  
**Monday, October 17, 2016**

**Present:** Rob Baldwin (Rector), Susan Terry (Assistant Rector), Terry Mandle (Senior Warden), Andrew Hoyt (Junior Warden), Jennifer Attocknie, Katie Bieker, Dusty McCoy, Brenda Clary, Glenna Kleinkauf, Chuck Olcese, David Severance, Bill Benso (Treasurer), Maria Thompson (Clerk)

**Absent:** Nora Clark, Steve King, Marilyn Russell

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Rob at 6:35 p.m.

**Declaration of Quorum**

A count was taken and a quorum declared.

**Approval of the Minutes of the September 2016 Meeting**

Glenna made a motion to approve the September minutes. David seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Rector's Report (in addition to written report)**

There will be an Election Day Eucharist at noon in the nave.

**Assistant Rector's Report**

Since we changed the time for Sunday School, our numbers have been consistently lower than in the past. Families are arriving in time for the 10:30 service and Children's Chapel, but that's too late for Sunday School. The teachers are developing great lessons, and the children who are coming are having a good time.

The new nursery for 3-4 year-olds is going well. Both nurseries have been well attended.

We now have 10 people on the Dream Team for Children's Ministry.

The Blessing of the Animals went very well.

The status of the children's choir is up in the air. There have been no practices, and there are apparently no plans to have any.

**Treasurer's Report**

We are over budget on staff salaries and FICA. Fr. Rob is looking into it, no explanation has been found yet. It could just be that we didn't budget the correct amount for expenses.

Debt Reduction

A meeting is being planned with the Endowment Board to discuss a loan from them. We hope to borrow the full amount of our outstanding debt from the endowment, then pay it back, with interest, with funds raised in the capital campaign.

We need to develop a vision, then communicate that to the parish. We would like to get an agreement in principle that the Endowment Board would give us the money when we need it. At year-end we would figure out how much is needed, then discuss it at the Annual Meeting. There are issues that will most likely come up:

- 1) Some members of the parish remember the money being designated for outreach.
- 2) Some also remember when a past rector and vestry re-directed a large gift that was supposed to go to the endowment, but was used for operations instead.

We should expect criticism because we've known for a while that we have a debt which must be paid down. Parishioners need to know that it has been continually discussed at vestry meetings.

Pledge Drive

As of this date, 90 pledge cards have been turned in. At this time last year, we had 155 cards. Glenna, Andrew, David and Katie volunteered to help contact parishioners about turning in their cards.

Planning Retreat

We will have a visioning and budget planning retreat on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Junior Warden's Report (in addition to written report)**

It appears that an animal is getting into the church, or someone is bringing an animal in. Droppings have been found in the choir loft and chancel. We are going to contact people who regularly come into the church building and ask if they are coming in with animals. We might also set a live trap and see what we catch.

**Refugee Ministry**

There currently is no refugee ministry in Lawrence. On November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Marla Schmidt, the field office director for Episcopal Migration Ministries in Wichita, will give presentations about their work. She will be at Canterbury House on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and at Trinity on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

There are other organizations in Lawrence that might be interested in creating an ecumenical group.

**Bishop's Visit**

Bishop Wolfe will visit Trinity on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:30 service.

**Vestry Nominations**

We need to start looking for people to replace the four outgoing vestry members: Brenda, Glenna, Mari and Terry. They, plus an at-large member of the parish, will comprise the nominating committee. Give suggestions to them.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Thompson, Clerk