

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting**  
**Monday, November 17, 2014**

**Present:** Rob Baldwin (Rector), Susan Terry (Assistant Rector), Lindy Eakin (Senior Warden), Steven King (Junior Warden), John Bullock, Brenda Clary, Proctor Crow, Andrew Hoyt, Pat Kehde, Glenna Kleinkauf, Terry Mandle, Rodney Olson, Mari Russell, Bill Benso (Treasurer), Maria Thompson (Clerk)

**Absent:** Dave Griffin

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Declaration of Quorum**

A count was taken and a quorum declared.

**Approval of the Minutes of the October 2014 Meeting**

Glenna made a motion to approve the October minutes, with corrections to the list of those present for the meeting and the number of baptisms at the 6:00 service on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Mari seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Rector's Report**

- Bishop Wolfe visited Trinity on October 26<sup>th</sup>. He confirmed two Trinitarians and two parishioners from St. Paul's Kansas City.
- Mtr. Susan will officiate at a wedding on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Fr. Rob updated the Vestry regarding medical conditions of several parishioners and family members of parishioners.
- Jacob Birch has volunteered to manage our Web site, and has begun the process of updating it.
- Meryl Hazlett is producing the children's education newsletter.
- Fr. Rob is mentoring Rob Schwaller as he seeks to continue in the ordination process. Rob S. will attend the December Vestry meeting to discuss his progress.
- There will be three baptisms at the 10:30 service on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Bill discussed the Financial Report for November and year to date.
  - When the 2014 budget was developed, we had budgeted \$6,000 for plate income, but took in \$23,000.
  - We had budgeted \$25,000 for non-designated contributions, but received only \$2,000.
  - These two categories may be combined in the 2015 budget.
- There are 35 parishioners who pledged for 2014, but haven't yet for 2015. If all of these people pledge the same amount for 2015, it will increase the current total pledged by \$30,000. Fr. Rob and vestry members will contact those with outstanding pledges.

**Senior Warden's Report**

- Lindy presented the proposed operating budget for 2015 and asked everyone to review it in preparation for the December 6<sup>th</sup> planning session.
- Susan Ralston and Doug Lawrence would like to use money from the Ralston memorial fund to purchase new chairs for the choir loft. Lindy talked with Susan about the request and the Vestry's hesitation to approve it. Susan and Doug will attend the December vestry meeting to make the case for buying the chairs.
- The Nominating Committee needs to convene to develop a ballot for the vestry elections in January. The committee will consist of the out-going Vestry members (Proctor, Pat, Dave and Steve) and two at-large members of the parish.

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

- Steve is going to look into replacing the parking lot signs that had been removed about 18 months ago.
- He is planning to pour a new sidewalk to connect the Hare garden to existing sidewalks that lead into the church.
- The floors are being polished.
- Repairs to a baseboard and outlet have been made.
- Steve suggested the development of a reporting method for parishioners to use to let the junior warden know when there are issues.

### **Assistant Rector's Report**

- The All Saints Parade went well and was a lot of fun.
- The number of children is up and the programs are strong.
- During Advent we will be doing Las Posada, in which figurines of Mary, Joseph and their donkey will travel among parishioners' homes, then return to the church on the last Sunday of Advent.
- The Youth will be wrapping gifts on December 6<sup>th</sup> to raise money for upcoming events.
- There will be a Chrismon-making party on the evening of Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Child care will be provided.

### **Organ**

Pat met with Bev Benso and Mark Stotler to plan an organ event on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Mark has talked with three organists who have agreed to participate.

### **Stained Glass Windows**

A parishioner approached Andrew regarding the history of our stained glass windows. While looking into the question he found out that the research has already been done and the information is on our Web site.

### **Bulletin Announcements**

There was discussion regarding items that stay in the service bulletin so long that people no longer pay attention to them. Fr. Rob said that the office is working to make the bulletin more about upcoming events. Longer articles will be published in the e-newsletter.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Thompson, Clerk