

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY – APRIL 28, 2010

In Attendance: Mary Ellen Brown, Mary Ann Keko, Jim Cripe, the Rev. Charlie Dupree, the Rev. Connie Pepler, Kelly Carnahan, Susan Williams, Larry Taylor, Todd La Dow, Kimberly Hurley, Norm Crampton, Mary Jo Barker, Christina Johns, Earl Singleton, Mary Ann Hart. Murray Robinson, Treasurer. Norm Crampton, Clerk pro tem.

At 6:15, the meeting began informally with a sharing of current experiences and concerns among small groups of Vestry members.

The Vestry reassembled and the meeting began formally at 6:40 p.m. with a group prayer of thanksgiving, led by Fr. Charlie+.

The March 2010 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Murray Robinson

As of 3/31/10, every commission is under budget. Utilities are under budget. In the aggregate, income is ahead of expense by \$31,956.

Charlie suggested that the brief financial statement which had been included in the Sunday bulletin during the time of budget crisis, and since discontinued, be restored as a regular item in the Sunday bulletin and newsletter, and there was general concurrence.

People's Warden – Kim Hurley

A reminder that Waycross Family Retreat is scheduled for May 29.

Senior Warden – Randy Lloyd

Randy was out of town on business.

Rector – Fr. Charlie+

He reported that Virginia+ was unable to attend Vestry meeting because she was graduating from Leadership Bloomington in a ceremony this evening. He thanked everyone for making Easter Day an extraordinary celebration—with a special nod to Chris Johns for organizing a scrumptious brunch.

Other items:

- Sunday attendance at Trinity during 2009 averaged 255. Overall attendance continues to rise, including attendance at the 11:15 service.

- Trinity is planning to launch a young adult group. In an effort to create a complementary, not a competing ministry, Ross and Charlie have talked with Linda Johnson, IU Campus Minister, and Bruce Gray, Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Indianapolis. All agree that this new ministry at Trinity will be for young adults in the Trinity community who are between ages 25 and 35.
- Charlie has turned his calendar over to parish administrator Janet Brinkworth. Persons wishing to meet with him about church business, meaning non-pastoral matters, should speak with Janet (336-4466).
- All persons in leadership positions at Trinity are required to enroll in the national church program "Safeguarding God's Children." Vestry members and others should speak to Janet about enrolling.

As an FYI to Vestry, Charlie noted that an Episcopal priest is organizing an Anglican Mission in Bloomington. The priest has no connection with Trinity, the IU campus ministry, the Diocese of Indianapolis, or the national church.

Deacon – Connie+

Connie noted she now spends Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Trinity office assisting the other clergy.

Old Business

Building use for skills development:

Susan reported for a task force appointed last meeting to examine implications of the request by the Area 10 Adult Mentoring Program to conduct classes at Trinity for the reintegration of sex offender felons. Since last meeting, the apparent urgency of need on the requester's part has eased. The task force believes a good approach will be to first have a very general conversation at Trinity on what it means for the church to be "open to all". The conversation might occur the last week of August or first week of September. The Vestry supported this approach.

Roof replacement:

Norm reported that the Building & Grounds Commission unanimously recommended accepting the bid of Steve's Roofing & Sheet Metal for replacement of the roof over the sanctuary, Great Hall, and breezeway. Steve's bid of \$29,400 was the lower of two bids considered by the commission. To cover certain contingencies, namely, services of an engineer to certify that the sanctuary roof is strong enough; services of an architect to make certain the roof profile at the point where it meets the gutter is acceptable; and replacement of rotten wood, if any, the B&G Commission recommended an appropriation of \$34,000. The work will entail removing old shingles and replacing with new, 30-year shingles matching the shingles on the recent addition to Trinity. The roof over the sanctuary will be built upon a 3-inch, vented base with R-9 insulation rating (the roof over Great Hall already is insulated). Murray said the expense of roof work could be paid by drawing on income from two unrestricted funds,

I & M Fallwell and Gullick Family Trust, drawing equally on those funds. Jim moved adoption of the B&G recommendation and Mary Ellen seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Charlie asked that in future a motion be put in the form of a resolution (*Whereas...And whereas...Now, therefore...*).

New Business

Shalom, which is losing its lease at First United Methodist Church after May 31, has asked Trinity if it can use Great Hall, kitchen, and restrooms during June and July, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to continue its feeding ministry while preparing to move into new quarters of its own. The request raises numerous issues including wear and tear on Trinity premises, concerns of our neighbors on Kirkwood and Grant about the presence of large numbers of Shalom clients at Trinity (currently Shalom serves 100-130 people at breakfast and 200-250 people at lunch), additional utility costs, coincidence with our mission, affect on other Trinity operations, etc. The sense of the Vestry was to pursue this request by looking carefully at what Shalom needs and what would be required of Trinity and then make a decision. An ad hoc group of Earl, Jim, and Todd will work with Charlie, including visits to the Shalom program. A proposal will be presented to Vestry members by email.

Task Force Assignments:

The following assignments were recognized:

1. Bylaws/resolutions: Earl, Randy
2. Financial stewardship: Kelly, Larry, Mary Ann Hart, Todd
3. Core values: Norm, Mary Ann Keko

Charlie asked Mary Ellen to call a personnel committee meeting.

Agenda items for the next meeting, May 23, must be received by May 18. Jim volunteered to bring drinks and Susan volunteered to bring hors d'oeuvre at the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Norm Crampton substituting for

Janet C. Stavropoulos, Clerk