

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH – BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

JUNE 23, 2010

In attendance: Jim Cripe, Mary Jo Barker, Norm Crampton, Mary Ann Hart, Todd LaDow, Kimberly Hurley, Mary Ellen Brown, Spencer Anspach, Earl Singleton, Virginia Hall+, Connie Pepler+, Larry Taylor, Randy Lloyd. Treasurer Murray Robinson. A quorum was achieved.

Charlie+

Charlie+ was away, attending a Congregational Development Institute in Seattle WA. He will return June 25. Randy called the meeting to order at 6:20 and asked Virginia+ to offer a prayer.

The minutes of the May 2010 meeting were approved.

Financial Report – Murray Robinson.

The report calls for caution. When investment income is calculated at the end of the second quarter, we're going to lose about \$50,000 of the market value that we had in the first quarter. Last year, market value of investments made us look good. The outlook this year, experts say, is not good. We must be careful. Secondly, we have not yet secured a mortgage on the renovations. Our interest-only loans will mature this year. We'll need a mortgage, meaning we'll have to persuade a lender to offer at least a five-year note with long-term amortization: we don't want the payments to exceed \$100,000 a year. In short, funding of the Second Century Fund is more important now than ever. The report (attached) was accepted.

Warden's Report – Randy Lloyd

He asked Vestry members to drop in regularly at the Shalom meals program to make our presence felt (see more on this topic below).

Virginia+

Outreach is undergoing restructuring—more to report at next Vestry meeting. Virginia and Connie+ recently attended a conference of local churches (at Sherwood Oaks Christian Church) on the broad topic of outreach. Virginia announced that Pat Agnew is having back surgery and will be out of action for three months. Lots of support will be needed for Pat and Gates.

Connie+

She attended the recent community-wide discussion on homelessness and was disappointed that while the agencies serving needs of the homeless were well represented, the community at large was not. Broadening the base of support and action is an urgent need.

Jim Cripe – Buildings & Grounds.

The roof work is on schedule.

Kimberly Hurley--Youth Coordinator

The youth coordinator position remains under discussion.

NEW TOPICS

Newcomer Commission—Mary Ann Keko

The commission has discussed cosmetic and other alternatives for making both the narthex (the Kirkwood Street entry) and the nave brighter, lighter, and more welcoming. Mary Ann brought in color sketches of possible improvements, which are ideas only at this stage. Randy asked the commission to construct a budget for presentation and further discussion.

Neighborhood problems associated with Shalom ministry

Bob Costello, owner of Village Deli, Soma, and Laughing Planet, joined the meeting at this time (at Randy's invitation) to brief Vestry on problems that certain Shalom clients are causing for restaurant staff and customers. Bob noted that he had meet with Larry and Randy when Trinity was considering housing the Shalom breakfast-lunch program, that he understood the need, and that he reluctantly supported Trinity's decision to proceed. But when he recently returned from vacation (during initial weeks of the Shalom program) he immediately heard from employees about serious encounters with some people served by the Shalom program. Examples: Men standing outside Trinity and shouting obscene remarks to women wait staff across the street at Village Deli; paying unacceptable attention to customers inside Soma; taunting staff when asked to leave. Bob said he observed a drug deal at 11 a.m. between certain Shalom clients on the sidewalk outside Village Deli. "You as an organization need to take responsibility for the issues you are causing your neighbors," he said to Vestry. He asked that Trinity do a better job of monitoring the perimeter of the church property. It was agreed that the troublemakers are small number of the total being served by Shalom. Vestry thanked Bob for coming in and speaking frankly about the problem. Randy said he would ask Joel Rekas to assign more Shalom staff to Trinity particularly on the sidewalks outside; that he would speak to the Bloomington police chief about the problem; and that he would encourage Trinity Vestry and others to regularly visit within Great Hall and register their presence.

New Commission Meeting Structure for the Fall

Virginia+ provided a heads-up on this item. Beginning this fall, the Sabbath will be kept holy, meaning that no commission meetings or church work will be performed on Sundays. Commissions will be asked to schedule their meetings on a Wednesday evening each month, with worship, meal, and meeting.

Resolutions

Winter Shelter

On a motion by Earl, second by Kimberly, Vestry unanimously adopted Resolution 2010-03: Trinity Episcopal Church commits to being a Shelter Site for at least one night per week from November 1, 2010, to March 31, 2011, provided that the Trinity Winter Shelter Task Force deliver to Vestry an acceptable operation and staffing plan no later than the August Vestry meeting.

Safeguarding Children

On a motion by Kimberly, seconded by Earl, Vestry unanimously adopted Resolution 2010-04: Trinity Episcopal Church accepts and adopts the attached "Safeguarding Trinity's Children" policy document.

Next meeting: July 28, 2010

Mary Jo will bring snacks, Randy will bring drinks.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Norm Crampton, Substituting for

Janet C. Stavropoulos