



Trinity Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2008

**Present:**

Mary Ellen Brown

Steve Chambers

Judy Granbois

Stanley Hamilton

Mother Virginia Hall+

Mary Ann Hart

Gretchen Horlacher

Kim Hurley

Mary Ann Keko

Anne Jones

Pat Martin

Father Ken Ornell+

Deacon Connie Pepler+

Debbie Satterfield

Benjamin Straley

Steve Hale - Clerk

The meeting convened at 6:40 p.m. with a prayer.

**Approval of Minutes from the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Vestry meeting:** Stanley Hamilton moved to approve minutes as corrected. Anne Jones seconded. Passed.

**Approval of minutes from the February 9<sup>th</sup> special Vestry meeting:** Fr. Ken+ moved to approve the minutes. Anne Jones seconded. Passed.

**Correspondence:** Steve Chambers shared a letter from Marie Shakespeare announcing her resignation from the Trinity staff effective this August. This letter is attached to these minutes.

Fr. Ken+ suggested that the Vestry accept Marie's resignation with overwhelming regret. Stanley Hamilton so moved. The motion was seconded by many. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Judy Granbois presented the report. Fr. Ken+ commented that next month the Vestry should receive this report a week in advance of the meeting. Stanley Hamilton moved to accept the Treasurer's report and place it on file. Anne Jones seconded. Passed.

**Interim Rector's Report:** Fr Ken+ began by sharing how good he felt about the Vestry retreat. We have a new sense of community, fellowship and ministry. He thinks Trinity will reap benefits from this. He thanked the Vestry for their role in the retreat.

Fr. Ken+ went on to say that he will be traveling to Seattle to teach a course on interim ministry.

Fr. Ken+ was at Jane and Pat Martin's house on Friday night for home communion. He said it was a wonderful experience and encouraged others to go if they have a chance. Stanley Hamilton moved that the Martins be thanked for this initiative.

Fr. Ken+ said that we have had a significant number of new people coming to church and suggested that the Vestry invite newcomers to dinner before the March 26<sup>th</sup> Vestry meeting. The meeting would start at 5:30 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. and we would have more than one person provide the main course. The Vestry agreed.

**Assisting Clergy's Report:** Virginia Hall+ reported that she has accepted a call from the Diocese of Brasilia to serve as priest for 3 years. She will be a missionary of the Episcopal Church of the U.S. Virginia+ shared a report containing information on the mission and financial needs associated with this work. This report is attached to the minutes. There will be donations from several sources and Virginia asked that Trinity or the Diocese collect these donations on her behalf for distribution in some form that is yet to be determined.

Stanley Hamilton offered to organize a fundraising dinner for this ministry, possibly in May.

Anne Jones said she is honored that Virginia+ has asked Trinity to be her home parish and moved that the Vestry agree to do this. Mary Ann Keko seconded. Passed.

**People's Warden's Report:** Steve Chambers reported that Fresh Start is this Saturday. We have had our second meeting with St. Mary's of Martinsville and with St. John's of Bedford. St. Mary's cannot afford a supply priest. Trinity and St. John's have been asked to help St. Mary's by sharing our priests. We will have a trial run in April, May and June before Virginia+ leaves to see how this works.

#### **Commission Reports:**

**Parish Life:** Debbie Satterfield reported that the Easter brunch is on. There will be no egg hunt but something else has been planned for the children. Easter is March 23<sup>rd</sup> and there will be 3 services.

**Outreach:** Virginia Hall+ reported that Outreach has committed a donation of \$500 for water wells in the Sudan.

**Stewardship Commission:** A report from Ruth Witten was distributed and is attached to these minutes. Stanley Hamilton remarked that there has been no report yet on telephone calls to last year's pledges who have not yet pledged for this year. Fr. Ken+ will ask Ruth how the Vestry can help.

### Old Business:

**ECM representation:** Benjamin Straley announced that this will be his last Vestry meeting as the representative of ECM. He has notified Mother Linda Johnson+ of his decision. Fr. Ken+ said Benjamin's presence and participation will be greatly missed. The Vestry unanimously expressed appreciation and thanks to Benjamin for his service as ECM representative.

Benjamin does not know if there will be a new representative.

Anne Jones suggested that there be a motion to have the wardens and interim rector consider if the by-laws should be amended regarding the ECM Vestry member. Stanley Hamilton so moved. Anne Jones seconded. Passed.

**Implementation of Vestry's February 9 decision:** Plans for communicating this decision were discussed. A letter is forthcoming.

### New Business:

**Review of the Passport to Trinity draft:** Steve Chambers distributed copies of the passport draft that Marie Shakespeare has been working on and asked that the Vestry turn in any corrections to the office. Steve and the Vestry thanked Marie for her work on this.

**Request for Proposal to Accommodate the Homeless at Trinity During Cold Weather:** Gretchen Horlacher shared the draft of an email from Elbert Johns to Hal Taylor and Mike Pepler that requests Hal and Mike prepare a proposal for providing sleeping accommodations at Trinity to the homeless during very cold weather. The draft email is attached to these minutes. Gretchen asked for permission to make this request and for any additions or changes to the email.

Stanley Hamilton moved to that the Vestry make this request. Mary Ann Keko seconded.

Discussion: Stanley Hamilton suggested that legal aspects be investigated. Pat Martin suggested that the request include investigating consultation/cooperation with other churches. Virginia Hall+ said that the MCRL (Monroe County Religious Leaders) is a group that is well suited to deal with this issue. Gretchen agreed to incorporate these suggestions in the request.

The motion passed.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Stanley Hamilton moved to adjourn. Mary Ellen Brown seconded. Passed.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Meal assignments for the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. This meeting will start early at 5:30 to greet newcomers to Trinity

Set up: Debbie Satterfield plus Fr. Ken+ will ask the sextons to help  
Beverage: Mary Ann Hart  
Entrée: Mary Ellen Brown, Mary Ann Keko  
Salad: Kim Hurley, Betty Rose Nagle  
Dessert: Gretchen Horlacher, Connie Pepler  
Clean up: ALL