



Trinity Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2008

Present:

Gates Agnew
Mary Jo Barker
Mary Ellen Brown
Steve Chambers
Virginia Hall+
Stanley Hamilton

Mary Ann Hart
Mary Ann Keko
Anne Jones
Elbert Johns
Pat Martin
Betty Rose Nagle

Father Ken Ornell+
Connie Peppler
Debbie Satterfield

Steve Hale - Clerk

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes from April 23rd Vestry Meeting: Elbert Johns moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mary Ann Keko seconded. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Elbert Johns reported that Murray Robinson has agreed to be the new treasurer. The finance commission will meet in June. Members include Bob Bayer, Jim Witten, Stanley Stockton, and Bob Ralston. Elbert is looking for one or two more members. Mary Ellen Brown suggested adding three or four women. Elbert agreed and said he is looking for women to fill the remaining positions. Elbert distributed commission budget reports, a balance sheet and a profit & loss statement for April. Elbert said that we are in about the same place financially as we were at the end of March with \$57,000 negative net income on the balance sheet. We will not know where we are relative to the budget until a year-to-date profit & loss statement is available.

Stanley Hamilton moved to accept the treasurer's report. Mary Ann Keko seconded. Passed.

Mary Ellen Brown asked about the Capital Campaign report presented last month. It shows how much has been collected in pledges but does not show how much remains to be collected. The Vestry agreed that this amount should be included in future reports.

Interim Rector's Report: Fr. Ken+ said that we are adjusting to new quarters and things are moving along. The staff is preparing for upcoming changes.

Assisting Clergy's Report: Virginia Hall+ said that she has been working with Connie Pepler and others to set up a workshop this summer to educate participants on the culture of poverty. Virginia+ will be attending a meeting on Global Mission with three other people in from our Diocese. Three people from Trinity have applied to go on the Cathedral Mission Trip to Brasilia.

Deacon's Report: Connie Pepler reported dates on upcoming Habitat for Humanity builds: July 25th, August 2nd and a Women's build on August 22nd. Connie was invited to participate in a poverty simulation seminar provided by the South Central Community Action Program. Connie described the experience as being powerful and encouraged others to attend when another seminar is available. Connie is working with Virginia Hall+ to plan Trinity's workshop on understanding poverty. Gates Agnew suggested that this topic be included in plans for Forum this fall.

Rector's Warden's Report: Elbert Johns reported that a meeting with ECM has been scheduled for June 24th. Anne Jones asked who will attend this meeting. Elbert responded that he will attend with Anya Royce, Mother Linda Johnson+ and Gates Agnew. Anne asked if there will be decisions made at this meeting. Elbert said that there will be no decisions made. There will be discussions to explore mutual interest in pursuing mediation. Anne said that the new Rector may be chosen by that time and decisions should not be made without that person's involvement.

Elbert went on to beg the Vestry's forgiveness for going beyond the stated plan of purchasing blinds for the new office windows and purchasing blinds for all windows that face the alley. This required more funds than he had originally expected. A proposal to purchase the remaining blinds for the building will be presented to the Vestry before any more funds are spent. Stanley Hamilton said that he bears some responsibility for the decision to purchase the blinds.

Elbert said he is thinking about scheduling a meeting of commission chairs and vestry liaisons to discuss reports and commission meeting times.

Elbert reported that he has talked to the Diocese about loans for our construction costs. It is likely that we can borrow the entire amount for the project at a reduced interest rate. Elbert said that the final decision will be presented to the Vestry for a vote at a future meeting.

Elbert concluded with an update on promised monthly reports on Diocesan investments. We will not get monthly reports but will get quarterly reports.

Commission Reports:

Buildings & Grounds: Pat Martin reported that Great Hall has new flooring paid out of buildings & grounds funds at a reduced price from Bounds & McPike arranged for by Randy Lloyd.

We now have funding to install the iron fence on the West Lawn thanks to a donation from the Mead family. Final measurements will be made in June and the fence is expected to be installed in early July. Anne Jones asked if we can send a thank you note from the Vestry to the Meads. Fr. Ken+ said to send the note to the Mead's sons who arranged for the donation.

Pat said that he has asked Moya Andrews to chair a garden committee to decide how the West Lawn will be planted.

Search Committee: Fr. Ken+ reminded the Vestry about the June 4th dinner with the Rector candidate at Meadowood. Elbert Johns said that we will need a special meeting after June 10th to receive the search committee's recommendation for a new Rector. We will need to arrange for a date when a quorum can be present.

Stewardship: Mary Ann Hart reported that three stewardship members attended a TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship) conference in April. They were exposed to a lot of different ideas and resources to support stewardship and want to share this information at Forums this fall in advance of the pledge drive. Mary Ann thanked the Vestry for their support of this trip.

New Business:

Vestry Orientation with Debra Kissinger on June 8 at 12:30 PM: Fr. Ken+ reported that all Vestry members are encouraged to attend this orientation, not just new members. The orientation will focus on how to be an effective Vestry person and will last two hours.

Safeguarding God's Children on June 14 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM: Fr. Ken+ reported that the leader for this training will be Sally Cassidy, the Bishop's executive assistant. All Vestry persons who have not attended in last 3 years are required to take this class. All of Trinity's paid staff/employees are also required to have this training. Training certificates are kept on file in the office.

Use of the Great Hall Friday Afternoons this Summer for Food Distribution: Fr. Ken+ reported that Mike Pepler asked about hosting a food distribution program this summer. Normally, this program is hosted by Templeton School and distributes food between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM each Friday. Templeton will not be available this summer. Fr. Ken+ and the Vestry are very excited about this opportunity and agreed to do this. Anne Jones sent around a sign up sheet for Vestry volunteers to give to Mike Pepler.

Sunday Lock Up: Mary Ellen Brown said she thinks it is important for the church to be kept open on Sundays and asked about the possibility of having a Sunday sacristan to lock up the church instead of the current plan to have Vestry members do this. Fr. Ken+ and others agreed that this would be an improvement.

Motion to Adjourn: Steve Chambers moved to adjourn. Anne Jones seconded. Passed.

Meal assignments for June 25th (5:30 dinner for newcomers, extra help needed)

Set up	Debbie Satterfield, Virginia Hall+
Beverage	Pat Martin, Gates Agnew
Salad	Mary Ann Keko (will also ask Gretchen Horlacher)
Entrée	Anne Jones, Mary Ann Hart
Dessert	Mary Jo Barker, Connie Pepler
Clean up	Elbert Johns, Steve Chambers