



Trinity Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2008

Present:

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

Gretchen Horlacher
Kim Hurley
Mary Ann Keko
Anne Jones
Elbert Johns
Pat Martin
Murray Robinson

Father Ken Ornell+
Debbie Satterfield
Steve Gable guest
Steve Hale - Clerk

The meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes from May 28th Vestry Meeting: Stanley Hamilton moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Mary Jo Barker seconded. Passed.

Approval of Minutes from June 11th Special Vestry Meeting: Mary Ellen Brown requested that the proxy votes of Steve Chambers and Mary Ann Hart be added to the minutes. The Vestry agreed. Anne Jones suggested that the Vestry send a letter of thanks to each search committee member. Elbert Johns said that he will do so. Mary Ellen Brown moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Stanley Hamilton seconded. Passed.

Correspondence from and presentation by Steve Gable

Steve Gable presented a memorandum to the Vestry regarding a conversation he had with The Rev. Lyle McKee, the pastor of St. Thomas Lutheran Church regarding shared interests and ministries between the Lutheran and Episcopal Churches. Steve said that this was initiated by a discussion with Anne Jones about the relationship in Bloomington between the two churches. The relations are good at the clergy level but are limited elsewhere.

Steve asked the Vestry for help in carrying forward an exploration of ways to deepen the relationship between the two churches. What is the appropriate way to proceed?

Stanley Hamilton suggested that the Worship Commissions could be a good area for joint ministry as well as support for a homeless shelter. Virginia Hall suggested outreach. Gretchen Horlacher suggested that Danica D'Onofrio could help. Father Ken+ shared an experience from Cedar Rapids where the Good Friday service alternated between the Episcopal and Lutheran churches. The congregations also came together to help the community deal with migrant worker issues and to share in bible study.

Anne Jones suggested that it might be good to have Steve Gable as a part of the planning for the new Rector and to have Pastor Lyle a part of his welcome.

Anne Jones asked for motion to support exploration of joint ministries between the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches and to include Steve Gable's memorandum in the minutes. Stanley Hamilton so moved. Mary Ellen Brown seconded.

Anne Jones, Stanley Hamilton and Steve Chambers volunteered to be part of a group to explore joint ministries. This will be added to motion.

Anne Jones suggested that we let Charles Dupree+ know about this soon to assure we have his support. Elbert Johns said he will consult with the new Rector about this matter.

Motion passed.

Election of Murray Robinson as Trinity's Treasurer: Stanley Hamilton moved to elect Murray Robinson as Trinity's treasurer. Gretchen Horlacher seconded. Passed with thanks.

Treasurer's Report: Murray Robinson reported that over the past few weeks he has been bookkeeper in addition to being treasurer. He did not bring a financial statement to this meeting as he is not sure how informative the current report is. Murray said that he will be developing a report that will explain how we are on track financially. If not we are not on track, the report will show where we are off track and will indicate possibilities for dealing with the situation.

Murray brought concept pages for a statement of operations including a year-to-date status compared to budget with expenses by commission in summary form. Murray's objective is to have statements available no later than the Monday before each Vestry meeting. The Finance commission will review the report first and will meet with chair of each commission on any findings.

Gates Agnew asked when will we have a new bookkeeper. Murray said that we may go for awhile without one as he learns more about Trinity's accounting records and processes. Elbert Johns said we are looking for a non-Trinity member to be the next bookkeeper.

Father Ken+ asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Stanley Hamilton so moved. Anne Jones seconded. Passed.

Interim Rector's Report: Father Ken+ informed the Vestry that last Sunday Connie Pepler's brother died suddenly and asked that we think of Connie and her family in our thoughts and prayers. Anne Jones asked if we could order flowers or fruit for the family. Fr. Ken+ said he would take care of that.

Father Ken+ went on to report that Darlene Cook has resigned as bookkeeper and asked for suggestions on how to thank Darlene for her 5 years of service as well as 30 years as a member of this congregation. Mary Ellen Brown suggested that we make a contribution to an organization Darlene supports. Father Ken+ asked the Outreach Commission for suggestions along these lines. Anne Jones asked for an official letter of thanks from the Vestry. Stanley Hamilton said that he will do this.

Anne Jones moved to accept Stanley Hamilton's offer and to entrust Stanley with our signatures. Stanley will submit the letter to be sent by Father Ken+. Mary Ann Keko seconded. Passed.

Father Ken+ asked if we can meet with The Rev. Debra Kissinger on new Vestry member orientation this Sunday. Eight Vestry members can attend.

Assisting Clergy's Report: Virginia Hall+ reported that we are still planning to do something educational on poverty at an adult forum this fall.

She attended a Mission Conference in Baltimore that was very helpful.

Jennifer Lloyd and Charles Forker are going to visit our companion Diocese in Brasilia this October.

She met with the Pastoral Care, Outreach and Stewardship Commissions to make sure there are no loose ends when she departs.

Tomorrow Virginia will go with Steve Chambers to The Center for Congregations, a consultant for parish development.

Rector's Warden's Report: Elbert Johns reported that he and Gates Agnew had a fruitful meeting with Anya Royce on the relationship between ECM and Trinity. They agreed defer discussions on mediation and to concentrate on getting Charles Dupree+ up to speed. Elbert has a meeting with Charlie set for Tuesday, August 26th followed by another meeting three weeks later on September 16th with Anya Royce, Elbert Johns, Charles Dupree+ and Mother Linda+ to discuss boundaries, basic operating rules and to begin working on the relationship.

Elbert said that he had a telephone call from Mary Young, a representing of Daughters of the King, proposing that they start a process where they will pray for the Vestry and the people working with the Vestry. Elbert passed out a document

with description of this process and asked people to think about it. The Vestry agreed and Elbert said that he will report back to Mary Young.

Elbert discussed a proposal to have commission meetings on the same night each month at the same time, at least with the chairs for a joint discussion. Elbert will work with Murray Robinson to coordinate this meeting with the Finance Commissions work to review the monthly treasurer's report.

Elbert reported that we have made a \$1.7 million loan application to the Diocese. We are borrowing from unrestricted funds to pay off \$75,000 that exceeded line of credit from United Commerce Bank.

Elbert asked for a motion to approve signing the signature cards for Hilliard Lyons and Monroe County Bank. Stanley Hamilton so moved. Mary Ann Keko seconded. Passed.

Elbert presented the clerk with the letter from Bishop Cate+ approving the decision to call Charles Dupree+ and thanking Elbert for his good work. This letter is attached to these minutes.

People's Warden's Report: Steve Chambers reported that the Diocese is soliciting nominations for Diocesan Committees. Nominations are due by July 1st. Anne Jones said that as the 4th largest parish in the Diocese we must have at least two or three members on these committees.

Steve issued a call to arms for parties to honor key people coming and going, the fair at Charles Dupree's first Sunday, the dedication of the new building wing and the Rector's Installation with Bishop Cate+. Elbert Johns said we need to finalize volunteers for each event by the next vestry meeting

Old Business:

Update on Marie Shakespeare's Position and Fall Forum Planning: Father Ken+ said he will work with Anne Jones on getting a replacement. Anne said that we have two candidates, one is a member of Trinity and one is not. We will not wait for the new Rector since this person needs to be ready now.

New Business:

Discussion of a Proper Way to Honor Randy Lloyd's Service to Our Parish: Stanley Hamilton reported that there will be a proclamation honoring Randy's service to the construction project. Elbert Johns said Steve Chambers and Stanley will work to finalize the text and form of the proclamation. Anne Jones suggested this proclamation be read and presented at the dedication.

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

Meal assignments for July 23rd:

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| Set up | Mary Ellen Brown |
| Beverage | Anne Jones |
| Salad | Mary Ann Keko |
| Entrée | ? |
| Dessert | ? |
| Clean up | ? |