

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting**  
**January 24, 2010**  
**Trinity Church on the Green**

**Present:**

The Rev. James Sell, Interim Rector, The Rev. Alex Dyer and the attached list of parishioners.

**Opening Prayer:**

The Rev. Alex Dyer opened the meeting by leading the congregation in a Prayer.

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The Rev. James Sell called the meeting to order at 11:30 am, as the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk reported that notices to the parish about this Annual Meeting were given in Sunday Church Bulletins, in the "Still Small Voice," and in the weekly Trinity E-news. The Rev. Sell explained that the roll of members is the current parish list. Sign up sheets and committee reports were distributed to all in attendance.

**Minutes:**

On motion made and seconded, it was voted to appoint the Vestry Executive Committee to approve the minutes of this January 24, 2010 Annual Parish Meeting.

**Retiring Vestry:**

The Rev. Sell thanked those members of the Vestry whose terms are ending and all present joined in expressing appreciation.

**Qualifications for Voting and Nominating Committee Report:**

The Rev. Sell explained the qualifications for voting. One must be 16 years of age, a communicant for six months, and a contributor of record. On motion made and seconded, it was voted to **accept** the Nominating Committee Report. All who served on the Nominating Committee were thanked for their work.

The Interim Rector announced that the tellers of the ballots will be the retiring Vestry members.

**Introduction of Vestry Candidates:**

The Interim Rector introduced the following candidates for Vestry and asked them to stand: Carol Davidson, Laura J. Davis, George J. Gillin, Jr., Murray Harrison, Deborah Johnson, Doris Manseau, Kim Morris, Robert Oetjen, Neil Olsen, Sara R. Stadler and Mary Ann Stroup.

**Elections:**

The ballots for Vestry were now handed out.

The Interim Rector announced that no more than seven candidates should be voted for, as there were seven openings on the Vestry. Voting for more than seven will cause the ballot to be disqualified. The Tellers will use a blind draw method to determine the candidate selected to fulfill a one year unexpired term.

**Warden:** Warner Marshall was nominated, seconded and the Clerk was instructed to cast one vote to elect the candidate.

**Treasurer:** Heather Tookes Alexopoulos was nominated, seconded and the Clerk was instructed to cast one vote to elect the candidate

**Parish Clerk:** Raymond Chappell was nominated, seconded and the Clerk was instructed to cast one vote to elect the candidate.

Representatives to Deanery and Diocese: Rose Pawlikowski, Karrie Hendrickson, Delegates, Michael Reynolds and Jack Tebes, Alternates, were nominated, seconded and the Clerk was instructed to cast one vote to elect the candidates.

A recess was taken for lunch at 12:00 noon and the meeting resumed at 12:30 pm.

**Thanks to the Hospitality Committee:** The Rev. Sell called for everyone to express their thanks to the committee, Liz Dickinson, Chair. A round of applause was given.

**Wardens' Reports:**

Barbara Hedberg, Senior Warden, said that in thinking over the last year, she wished to express her thanks to all the staff and everyone else who made the construction go smoothly. She also thanked the Rev. Sell, Joe Dzeda and the Vestry for their support and help. Barbara also asked the congregation to ask questions about the upcoming year.

Joe Dzeda, Retiring Senior Warden, reviewed his years as a Warden. He recounted some of the things that had happened during that time and thanked everyone for their help. Joe went on the welcome Warner Marshall as our new Junior Warden.

Warner Marshall thanked Joe and related that he was very humble to be elected as Warden, and would do his best to serve Trinity.

**Associate Rector's Report:** The Rev. Alex Dyer reported on his third year at Trinity and related that his job has continued to evolve and change.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. **Search Committee:** Barbara Hedberg reported on the forming of the committee. She listed Mary Ann Stroup, Peg Chambers, Don Knapp and Mark Lawless as the members who will be selecting the actual members of Rector Search committee. There will be 12 people on the final committee, consisting of the 2 Wardens and 10 other parishioners from across the congregation. Barbara went on to say that a large number of parishioners have expressed interest in serving, even though the committee will be meeting almost weekly.
- B. **Properties Committee:** Duo Dickinson reported that it (construction) is almost over. Still left are the sound system, Columbarium and the cutting of the hole for the elevator. He thanked everyone who has contributed to fund all the construction. Duo also thanked Justin Haydu, Sherrill Farkas and Walden Moore for their help. At this point, the congregation expressed their thanks vocally to Robert Orr, Peg Chambers and Duo Dickenson, the architects of the project.

**Committee Reports Cont'd:**

- C. **Evangelism:** Karrie Hendrickson related that the first person who greeted her, and made her feel welcome, when she first came to Trinity was Nancy Ahlstrom. She asked all of us to be like Nancy. Karrie reminded everyone that next month is "Bring a Friend to Church" month and we should all try to bring someone to church. She also talked about the upcoming "African American Read In." The Rev. Sell said that the word Evangelism contains the word "angel."
- D. **Chapel On The Green:** The Rev. Dyer talked about "Chapel on the Green" and said that it finished in the black this year. He went on to say that most of the services are conducted by many of the surrounding churches.

**Financial Report and 2010 Budget:**

Heather Tookes Alexopoulos reported that she had inherited a tight ship. She reported pledges are down this year and the endowment was down badly, but now has recovered somewhat and is now at \$9.7 million. Heather also related that there is an additional item this year and that is the cost of the search for a new Rector. She then presented and explained the 2010 Budget. After discussion, on motion made and seconded, the 2010 proposed Budget was **approved**.

**Printed Reports:**

The Rev. Sell acknowledged all of the printed committee reports.

Warner Marshall related that the Outreach Committee gave out over \$63, 000 last year.

Rose Pawlikowski reported about the status of the Youth Group and our relationship with St. Paul and St. James.

Questions were invited concerning any of the printed Committee Reports.

**Size of the Vestry:**

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to **approve** a resolution to set the number of the Vestry at 18.

**Duties of the Vestry:**

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to **approve** a resolution to empower the Vestry to (1) set staff salaries; (2) to buy and sell real estate and/or securities; (3) to lend or borrow money.

**Maintain Accounts:**

On motion made and seconded, it was voted to approve a resolution to authorize the Treasurer and Wardens to open and maintain accounts with banks and brokers, and to deal with them directly on behalf of the Parish of Trinity Church.

**Results of Vestry Election:**

The following persons were elected by ballot as members of the Vestry: Carol Davidson (1 Year Term), Laura J. Davis, Murray Harrison, Doris Manseau, Robert Oetjen, Sara R. Stadler and Mary Ann Stroup.

**Closing Prayer:**

At 1:20 pm the Rev. Sell ended the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond A. Chappell, Clerk