

Annual Meeting Minutes – 1/25/09

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Andrew Fiddler. The clerk pro-tem was appointed. The roll of members was introduced and the clerk reported the annual meeting notices. The Vestry Executive Committee was appointed to approve these minutes. Rev. Fiddler offered thanks to retiring Vestry members and reviewed the procedures for election of new members. Members were introduced and ballots were distributed. Ballots were collected and sent to be tabulated. A motion was passed for the clerk to cast on vote for the slate of Wardens, Treasurer, Clerk, and delegates to the Deanery and Diocesan Convention.

The meeting continued after lunch. It began with the Stewardship report by Jake Dell. Currently, there are \$502,000 in pledges which is higher than two years ago. There are currently 205 pledging members of Trinity however this is 8% less than last year.

The Warden then reported to the Parish. Barbara Hedberg announced the initial plans for Andy's last Sundays at Trinity. She also reported on the Interim and the stage in the process. The parish should feel free to approach the Wardens with any questions. Joe Dzeda spoke about the budget as well as the endowment.

Andy delivered the Rector's remarks. He thanked the staff. He also spoke about pledging and increasing your pledge. Rev. Estelle Webb thanked everyone for their support during her illness and recovery. She is happy to be back. She reported on the continuing services offered to the elderly. Rev. Alex Dyer thanked the parish for their support.

Duo Dickinson reported on the Properties Committee. He explained the construction plans and the basic timeline. Demolition will begin in June and the project should be finished by November.

David Lindsay reported on behalf of the Environmental Committee. They have begun several initiatives to help "green" up Trinity. The Evangelism Committee is planning Bring a Friend February. They asked the parish to challenge themselves to say hello to the new people in church and introduce themselves.

David Soper gave the Financial Report for the church. The year-end reports are still being tabulated however 98% of the 2008 pledges have been recorded. It appears that the budget should balance. The 2009 budget has been much more difficult to put together. There have been several items cut or reduced and there is still an \$85,000 deficit. The budget will continue to be worked on throughout the year and more creative solutions are being solicited.

There were several questions posed by the parish mainly centering around the endowment and how the investments decisions are reached. A motion was passed that stated: "Move that budget as proposed be supported by the parish and that the Vestry continue to work on it to balance it in the coming weeks." – David Soper, it was

seconded and passed with one nay and one abstention. Andy acknowledged the printed reports as written.

An update was provided on the Capital Campaign. We have received \$870,000 in pledges thus far and we have received \$234,000. The church will be taking out a line of credit to finance the construction at a very low interest rate and will pay it off as pledges come in.

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 duly 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: Michael Bingham, Peg Chambers, Gloria Hoda, Barbara Lamb, Jack Tebes, and Rich Walser.

The meeting was concluded in prayer.

Submitted by Rose Pawlikowski – Clerk Pro-Tem.