

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
December 14, 2009
Trinity Church on the Green**

Present: The Rev. James Sell, The Rev. Alex Dyer, Diana Beardsley, Peg Chambers, Ray Chappell, Duo Dickinson, Joe Dzeda, Barbara Fennelly, Barbara Hedberg, Karrie Hendrickson, Gloria Hoda, Don Knapp, Barbara Lamb, Leigh Lindsay, Rose Pawlikowski, Eleanor Tignor, Jan Tredwell, Richard Walser, Robert Windom.

The Rev. Sell opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and the Barbara Hedberg offered a prayer.

Barbara Fennelly volunteered for prayer, and **Robert Windom, Dianna Beardsley, Jan Tredwell and Eleanor Tignor** volunteered for refreshments for the **Monday, January 18, 2010** Vestry meeting.

The minutes of the November 16, 2009 Vestry Meeting were **approved**.

Nominating Committee: Eleanor Tignor reported on the committee's deliberations. She said that the committee received a large number of nominations, and finally settled on 13 for the 7 positions on the Vestry. After the selections, one candidate had to drop out and another candidate was chosen as candidate for Warden. That left 11 candidates for Vestry nomination. Eleanor reported that the Rev. Sell is collecting bios and photos of the candidates to publish. On motion made and seconded, the slate as presented by the committee was **approved**. The Rev. Sell reported on the order of the Annual Meeting.

Stewardship Report: The Rev. Sell said that he had misspoken at the 7:45 and 9:00 am services on Sunday, December 13 about the amount that the stewardship campaign was below last year. He now called on Rose Pawlikowski to present her report. She reported that, as of today, we have \$409,689 in pledges from 182 pledging units. This is 6.5% below last year at this time. We are at 64.7% of our goal. On motion made and seconded, the report was **accepted**.

Interim Rector's Report: The Rev. Sell reported the following:

- a. He is in the conversation stage with a possible parish visitor.
- b. He reported about the Vestry Retreat and the type of the program that will be presented.
- c. We need to plan and set goals for next year.
- d. We need to get to know each other.

Warden's Report: Barbara Hedberg reported we need a small committee to nominate a committee who will nominate the search committee. She said that there are still many questions that have to be answered. Discussion followed.

Properties Committee: Peg Chambers reported that the grill work is almost ready to be installed. Duo Dickinson reported about when the hole for the elevator will be punched through the floor. He also reported that Chapel Construction Co. will put a tunnel through the construction area so that people can exit the altar rail on the Chapel Street side and return to the nave. He went on to explain that of the budgeted \$110,000 contingency fund, we have about \$25,000 left. Chapel Co. feels that we will not exceed the contingency. Duo went on to explain that we have two donors willing to donate \$2,800 toward the replacement of the countertop on the serving bar and the sideboard with granite tops. It turns out that the final price will be \$3,500.

A motion was made and seconded to spend \$700 to make up the short fall to replace the two counter tops with granite tops. Discussion followed on items from the Capital Campaign that have not been done. The motion to spend \$700 for new counter tops was **approved** with two “no” votes. Duo went on to explain the \$1,200 cost of additional lighting for the high ceiling to solve some dark areas. He also went on to explain the proposed sound system at a cost of \$10,000 with \$2,530 installation costs. A motion was made and seconded to spend \$1,200 for high ceiling lighting. The motion was **defeated**. A motion was made and seconded to spend \$12,530 for a new sound system and installation. The motion was **approved** with two “no” votes.

Barbara Fennelly reported on the need for food for next Sunday.

Karrie Hendrickson reported that a Vestry member did not supply food for yesterday’s coffee hour. She asked all Vestry members to check the schedule and swap if necessary.

Clergy Housing Allowances: Ray Chappell presented the allowances for Heather Alexopoulos, Treasurer. The following Clergy Housing Allowances, requiring Vestry approval, were requested:

The Rev. James Sell	\$52,500
The Rev. Estelle Webb	\$15,257 (\$14,104 housing allowance and \$1,153 housing equity)
The Rev Alex Dyer	\$25,750

On motion made and seconded, the above listed Clergy Housing Allowances were **approved**.

At 7:20 p.m. The Rev Sell closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond A. Chappell, Clerk