

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
February 15, 2010
Trinity Church on the Green**

Present: The Rev. James Sell, The Rev. Alex Dyer, Heather Alexopoulos, Michael Bingham, Peg Chambers, Ray Chappell, Carol Davidson, Laura Davis, Duo Dickinson, Murray Harrison, Karrie Hendrickson, Don Knapp, Barbara Lamb, Leigh Lindsay, Doris Manseau, Warner Marshall, Robert Oetjen, Rose Pawlikowski, Sara Stadler, Mary Ann Stroup, Jack Tebes, Rich Walser

The Rev. James Sell opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and Peg Chambers offered a prayer.

The Rev. Sell welcomed the new Vestry members: Warner Marshall (Warden), Carol Davidson, Laura Davis, Murray Harrison, Doris Manseau, Robert Oetjen, Sara Stadler, and Mary Ann Stroup.

Karrie Hendrickson volunteered for prayer, and **Michael Bingham, Leigh Lindsay and Robert Oetjen** volunteered for refreshments for the **March 15, 2010** Vestry meeting.

The minutes of the January 18, 2010 Vestry meeting were **approved**.

The Rev. Alex Dyer reported that he will be passing three crosses around during the meeting. These crosses may be prayed over and then passed on or just passed on.

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

- a. The possibility of naming the undercroft after the Rev. Andrew Fiddler.
- b. He and the Wardens crafted a letter to the Acting Bishop, James Curry, asking that the Rev. Sell be allowed to come out of retirement and to change the way he is paid.
- c. He explained the preparations for the Vestry Retreat and how it will be conducted.
- d. Volunteers to count money on Mondays are needed.
- e. Lay Pastoral Coordinator: Barbara Fennelly has been asked to assume this position. The Rev. Sell went on to explain what Barbara's position will consist of and how she will fit in with the Clergy and the Home Board.

Warden's Report: Warner Marshall reported on the search committee's activities. He announced that Karrie Hendrickson and Carolyn Gould will be serving as co-chairs.

Treasurer's Report: Heather Alexopoulos reported on the budget handout and explained the three different ways of solving our problems. Discussion followed on whether to use Alternative 1, 2 or 3. A motion was made and seconded to approve Alternative 2. Discussion of Alternative 2 followed. After discussion, the motion was Called. A vote to Call the motion failed. Discussion of the primary motion continued. A motion was now made and seconded to modify the amount of the Diocesan pledge in Alternative 2 to the full amount. The motion was **approved** with 13 yes votes and 7 no votes. A motion was now made to charge the Finance Committee with balancing the 2010 Budget. The motion was **approved** with 1 no vote. At this point, the main motion of approving Alternative 2, as amended, was taken up. The motion was **approved** with 2 no votes.

Evangelism Report: Karrie Hendrickson reported on the Adult Forum held last Sunday and on the future programs.

Youth Group: Rose Pawlikowski reported that the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held tomorrow, February 16th and asked everyone to come and help raise money for the Youth mission trip.

Properties Committee Report: Duo Dickinson reported that there are still problems with the installation of the elevator. It now appears that it will not be ready until well after Easter. Duo said that he is requiring that a secure walkway be in place for all of the Easter Week services.

Columbarium: Peg Chambers reported on additional memorials that will be offered for the Columbarium. She showed some examples of vases and candlesticks.

Associate Rector's Report/ Communications Committee Report: The Rev. Dyer reported about the on line version of the Parish Directory. After discussion, the sense of the Vestry was that it was not a good idea to put the Directory on line, for security reasons. He also reported that on Maunday Thursday there would be a foot washing at 2 pm on the Green with Bishop Elect Douglas. The Rev. Dyer went on to say that there will also be the traditional foot washing on Maunday Thursday evening, but we will not have a Seder this year. He also reported that neither the Adult or Youth mission trips will be going to Haiti, as that country is not ready for our type of help.

The Bishop's walk/run will be held in May.

Bishop Elect Douglas' installation speaker will be Desmond Tutu.

At 7:45 p.m. the Rev. Sell closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond A. Chappell, Clerk