

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
February 9, 2009
Trinity Church on the Green**

Present: The Rev. Andrew Fiddler, The Rev. Estelle Webb, The Rev. Alex Dyer, Heather Alexopoulos, Diana Beardsley, Michael Bingham, Peg Chambers, Ray Chappell, Duo Dickinson, Joe Dzeda, Barbara Hedberg, Karrie Hendrickson, Gloria Hoda, Leigh Lindsay, Rose Pawlikowski, Eleanor Tignor, Jack Tebes, Jan Tredwell, Rich Walser. Ex Officio: Bob Sandine

The Rev. Andrew Fiddler opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. and Duo Dickinson offered a prayer.

The Rev. Fiddler welcomed the new Vestry members: Heather Alexopoulos (Treasurer), Michael Bingham, Peg Chambers, Gloria Hoda, Barbara Lamb, Jack Tebes and Rich Walser.

Barbara Hedberg volunteered for prayer, and **Heather Alexopoulos, Jan Tredwell and Jack Tebes** volunteered for refreshments for the **March 16, 2009** Vestry meeting.

The minutes of the January 12, 2009 Vestry meeting were **approved**.

Rector's Report:

- a. Vestry Retreat at Incarnation Camp in Ivoryton starting at 6 pm on Friday, February 20. The Rev. Christopher Webber will lead.
- b. Name pins for the new Vestry members are coming.
- c. Volunteers to count money on Mondays are needed. Rose Pawlikowski volunteered.
- d. Flowers from the Sunshine Fund were sent to Ed Getlein, Barbara Lamb and Bob Windom.

Associate Report: The Rev. Fiddler reported that an article about the Rev. Dyer is in the “New Haven” magazine.

Orientation Packet: The Rev. Fiddler went through the orientation packet that was given to all Vestry members. He emphasized the Vestry responsibilities.

Executive Committee Report: The Rev. Fiddler reported for the committee. He explained the process that had been used to make the following suggestions for further budget cuts:

“The Executive Committee realizes that Sunday Morning is the Big Net”

- a. Ask Outreach Committee to prioritize outreach strategy
- b. Divert Rector’s discretionary fund to Outreach budget
- c. Adult Education – seek free speakers
- d. Make all meals pot luck or “suggested donation”
- e. Reduce print advertising by \$5,000

f. Potential savings on Interim (pension, housing)

g. Eliminate church van when the Rector leaves

h. Save postage by making e-mail the default form of mailings

Each item in the above list was discussed as to which group would try to make this happen.

After much discussion, the following motion was made and seconded, "The Vestry authorizes a budget that draws 5.5% of the rolling average of the endowment for the year 2009." The motion was **approved**.

Treasurer's Report: Heather Alexopoulos, Treasurer, reported that we have an \$8,000 addition in our pledges as of this date. She went on to talk about the other items in her report.

Properties Committee Report: Duo Dickinson reported on the second triage of the foundation by the construction company and that the contract will be ready as soon as possible. He also reported that repairs to the roof over the towers is under discussion, and the type of roof to fix the leaking problem has to be determined. Duo went on to report that the Bazaar committee has taken on funding of the two restrooms.

Pancake Supper: Rose Pawlikowski reported on the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper to be held on February 24.

Barbara Hedberg talked about a possible March 13 meeting with the proposed Interim candidate.

At 7:15 p.m. the Rev. Fiddler closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond A. Chappell, Clerk