

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
January 18, 2010
Trinity Church on the Green

Present: The Rev. James Sell, The Rev. Alex Dyer, Heather Alexopoulos, Diana Beardsley, Michael Bingham, Peg Chambers, Ray Chappell, Duo Dickinson, Joe Dzeda, Barbara Fennelly, Barbara Hedberg, Karrie Hendrickson, Gloria Hoda, Don Knapp, Barbara Lamb, Rose Pawlikowski, Jack Tebes, Eleanor Tignor, Jan Tredwell, Richard Walser, Robert Windom. Ex. Officio: Bob Sandine.

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

Peg Chambers volunteered for prayer, and **Jim Sell, Barbara Lamb and Gloria Hoda** volunteered for refreshments for the **Monday, February 15, 2010** Vestry meeting.

The minutes of the December 14, 2009 Vestry Meeting were **approved**.

Petition for Ordination: The Rev. Jim Sell asked for a motion to approve the Petition for Ordination as Deacon of Robert J. Hendrickson III. The motion was made and seconded, the petition was signed by all Vestry members, the Interim Rector, the Parish Clerk, and was **approved unanimously**.

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

- a. Voting procedures at the Annual Meeting. Voting for Vestry candidates will be available at the 7:45am service.
- b. The location of the American and Episcopal flags was discussed. It was decided to follow traditional Episcopal position in spite of the fact that this does not follow the flag code law.

Treasurer's Report: Heather Alexopoulos reported that she will explain the current position of the endowment and the rolling average to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. A number of the Vestry members voiced their opinion as to how the budget process should be handled. Heather went on to explain the she will present an unbalanced budget for 2010, containing a 5.25% draw from the endowment, to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

Warden's Report: Barbara Hedberg thanked Joe Dzeda for his service and hard work over the last four years. She also announced that a committee to select the search committee has been formed. Barbara said that there are about twenty-five people interested in serving on the search committee. She went on to say that the kick-off for the new rector search will start on Sunday, January 31, with a "Telling our Story" meeting with Bishop Curry, Canon Erik Larsen and the consultant from the Diocese.

Properties Committee Report: Peg Chambers reported that the brass work on the Columbarium is almost completed. The rosettes still need to be manufactured and the cross should be installed soon. She also reported that there may be additional items for memorials. A guild for the Columbarium will be formed to assist the clergy. Peg announced that the consecration of the Columbarium will be held at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 3rd. Duo reported that Chapel construction has pushed out the construction wall by the Ladies room to continue with the elevator construction. He reported that the construction will be completed by Easter. Duo also said the accounting of all costs will be presented sometime in April.

Steward Committee Report: Rose Pawlikowski reported that follow up telephone calls are being made.

Evangelism Committee Report: Karrie Hendrickson reported on the “Bring a Friend to Church” month. Jack Tebes reported about the creation of a group being formed to stand with the clergy when greeting the congregation at the end of the service. This group would help make new comers welcome.

Outreach Committee Report: The Rev. Jim Sell presented the following grants made by the committee that require Vestry approval:

Trowbridge Fund for Missions:

Children’s Center of Hamden	\$1,500
Community Mediation: The Dialogue Project	\$ 750
Fair Haven Parent’s Ministry	\$2,500
St. Andrew’s Church: Your Place	<u>\$3,500</u>
Total	\$8,250

On motion made and seconded, the above listed grants were **approved**.

In addition to the above grants the committee approved additional grants of \$11,700 not requiring Vestry approval.

Announcements: Eleanor Tignor reminded everyone about the African American Read-In and the Easter meditations.

Barbara Hedberg that the previously approved Boy’s Choir trip to England has been cancelled. Walden feels the most of the boys are too young. A trip somewhere in the USA is being considered.

Rose Pawlikowski reminded everyone about the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper.

The Rev. Dyer reported about response to the Haiti disaster and that Old St. Andrews in Bloomfield would like to partner with us concerning the rebuilding of a school in Haiti.

The Rev. Sell announced that he had purchased 500 olivewood crosses and asked everyone to take one and give it away or wear it through Lent.

The Rev. Sell thanked all the retiring Vestry members and Warden for their service to the church.

At 6:45 p.m. The Rev Sell closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond A. Chappell, Clerk