

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
November 16, 2009
Trinity Church on the Green**

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

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

Barbara Hedberg volunteered for prayer, and **Leigh Lindsay, Diana Beardsley, Barbara Fennelly, Karrie Hendrickson and Rose Pawlikowski** volunteered for refreshments for the **Monday, December 14, 2009** Vestry meeting.

The minutes of the October 19, 2009 Vestry Meeting were **approved** as amended.

Stewardship Committee: Rose Pawlikowski reported that as of today, \$346,424 in pledges have been received. This is 54% of our goal. She also reported that we have 20 new pledges and 5 past pledgers returning. Follow-up phone calls, for those who have not returned their pledges, will be made after Thanksgiving.

Silent Auction: Rose Pawlikowski announced that more items are needed for the Silent Auction as we are behind last year's total.

Interim Rector's Report: The Rev. Sell related that when he was interviewed for this job he thought it would be very difficult. He has since found out that he was mistaken. He went on to say that one strongest Rectors at Trinity appears to have been The Rev. Andy Fiddler. The Rev. Sell reported that the first anniversary celebration of Chapel on the Green had about 180 people in attendance.

Warden's Report: Joe Dzeda brought the Vestry up to date on the condition of the organ. He said that the organ and console have been repaired and are now ready to go. Joe said that he was surprised that there was very little dust found in the pipes. Duo Dickinson commented about when the hole for the elevator can be cut and what kind of sealing will be done.

Transition Report: Barbara Hedberg reported that a meeting will be held from 4 pm to 8 pm on Sunday, January 31st and went on to explain how the meeting would be conducted. She reported that Bishop Curry will be in attendance along with the Diocesan Transition Officer the Rev. Erik Larsen. A discussion followed about a possible visit, by the Vestry, to Diocesan House.

Treasurer's Report: Heather Alexopoulos explained her report and highlighted the following:

- a. Elevator financing: The Home Board has agreed to make 5 annual installments on the \$350,000 for the cost of the elevator.
- b. New office lease is in progress. Amount will be kept flat, but term shortened to 2 years.
- c. The church van will be sold by CarMax, hopefully this week, for \$6,000. It was noted that at the October 19th Vestry meeting a motion was approved to sell the van by silent auction at the Holiday Bazaar. Heather explained that the Bazaar decided not to sell the van. After discussion, a motion was

made and seconded to rescind the motion of October 19th and to approve the selling of the church van by CarMax. The motion was **approved**.

d. At the December Vestry meeting there will be a 2010 Budget update and a vote on clergy housing allowances.

Discussion of how to set up a committee budget request process followed.

Properties and Columbarium Committee Report: Peg Chambers reported on the status of the Columbarium.

She explained the delay in getting the metal worker started on the grillwork. Duo Dickinson talked about moving the remainder of items in the south gallery before Christmas and that the stairway to the undercroft will be completed by that time.

Nominating Committee: Eleanor Tignor reported on the actions of the committee. She said that the committee has received 31 recommendations. As of this date Eleanor related that 10 nominees have been confirmed and 11 have declined. Eleanor said that we will be electing either 6 or 7 Vestry members, depending upon whether or not the warden comes from the current Vestry.

The Rev. Sell reported that he is in the process of training lay parishioners in “laying on of hands”. He also reported that, after we move the coffee hour back to the undercroft, he will be offering Communion at the side altar after the 11 o’clock service on Sundays when that service is Morning Prayer. The Rev. Sell also reported that the Adult Forum will resume in January, 2010.

Karrie Hendrickson thanked the Vestry for appointing her and Rose Pawlikowski as delegates to the Diocesan convention. She also reported that her husband Robert has been endorsed by Committee II for ordination. A motion was made and seconded that the Interim Rector write Robert a letter of congratulations. The motion was **approved**. A motion was made and seconded that the Senior Warden write a letter to Jake Dell congratulating him on his ordination. The motion was **approved**.

Jan Tredwell asked for help with coffee hour as Ed Getlein is not able to help.

At 6:51 p.m. The Rev Sell closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond A. Chappell, Clerk