

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DENVER, COLORADO HELD AT THE CHURCH JANUARY 4, 2011

Present were Richard DeTar, Judie James, Eric Frame, Rich Rinehart, Janice Burley, Liz Evans, Lynn Hardcastle, Brian Hyde, Tim Krueger, Beckett Stokes, Jim Anthony, Elizabeth Randall, Steve Grupe, Peter Thulson, and Shelley Brown.

After Elizabeth led a meditation based on the coming Sunday's readings, the meeting began at 6:57 p.m. in the undercroft.

Rich Rinehart was back after two months away. Brian moved acceptance of last meetings minutes as amended, Steve seconded, and they were approved unanimously,

The nominating committee reported on those nominated to serve on the Vestry. The sixth person so nominated is Sarah Stallings. Shelley: An orientation is needed for new Vestry members. Let's take all six nominees out to eat somewhere for their willingness to serve. Elizabeth: The orientation should take half a day and be available to all Vestry members. Beckett: The diocese is doing workshops along these lines. The Vestry workshops will be held around Easter. There is discussion of when these things noted above will be done. The three members of the nominating committee take care of this. Rich asks if Vestry candidate bios can be in right away so as to be in two service leaflets and two e-ministries. Judie notes a person can also be nominated in writing up to three days before the annual Parish meeting. The Parish should be reminded of this. There seemed to be general agreement that this was the case. Rich noted that a number of matters brought up at the December Vestry meeting have not been decided upon. There is also a need for an orientation in more detail of those actually elected to the Vestry at the upcoming annual meeting.

Sacred Vision, Sacred Path: Rich will call Anita Sanborn regarding extended parishioner loans through the Colorado Episcopal Foundation. The interest rate would be good for a five-year loan as an investment. This may be introduced to the Parish at the annual meeting, if we are ready to do so.

Stewardship Committee: Beckett: Jim has done a lot. The total pledged is over \$309,000. There are 118 households, 24 new since last year. At least one third of those pledging did so online. The numbers spiked a little after each announcement of the campaign. Beckett talked with Elizabeth about making stewardship more year-round. Jim: Many wanted information on electronic fund transfers (EFTs). Those asking about this are sent the form for donating in this way. These will be included with thank-you notes. Around ten or so people have not pledged. Elizabeth thanks Beckett and all the committee. The budget is increased 12% over 2009. Rich noted that we have been asking people for money since May.

Reports To The Vestry: The Junior Warden reported (which see). There were two incidents of the front door being unlocked recently. She introduced St. Joseph's

Crew (St. J. Crew) composed of people handy with tools. She thanked Pam Stewart, the Taggarts, and those who changed light bulbs.

Treasurer's Report: There is a surplus of \$22,348 on the 2010 budget. We had a great December. There was discussion of which expenses had been most over budget. Rich: Could related designated funds be shown in the same area of the budget as the various ministries? Could there be some explanatory notes with the budget for the benefit of the Parish? So far, \$70,000 has been paid so far on the construction loan payment which falls due in June of this present year.

Shelley reports on the Ministry Collaboration Team: Ministries which are similar to one another are being organized into "affinity groups." Rich suggested the ministries' reports should be in the annual report. There seemed to be general agreement in favor of this. These reports should be gotten to Bennett by January 14th. Shelley will tell the ministries about this on this coming Saturday.

Tim reported that a shortage of sopranos was solved by his mother Lu's prayers.

Interfaith Hospitality Network: We next serve in this capacity with First Unitarian February 20th to the 27th. Susan Trickett is doing most of the organizing of this now. Judie asks that following the Vestry meeting we load up her car for Metro CareRing, and she will drive it in tomorrow.

A and A Ministry: It's new name is simply the "Arts Ministry."

Elizabeth's Report: There will be a interdenominational conference on church unity and ecumenism at St. Elizabeth's of Hungary this coming January 23rd. Bishop O'Neil will speak at it. The Magnusons are in Evanston, Illinois. Alex Magnuson is ill and has spent most of their visit in the hospital. Father Palmer has agreed to fill substitute in the pulpit this Sunday.

Rich reported on the Vision Statement, giving the State of the Wiki Report. Perhaps this matter should be tabled until the new Vestry members take office. Elizabeth stated that people should not worry if they disagree with her regarding the Vision Statement.

The Draft 2011 Budget (which see): The amended 2011 budget goes out, and people have three days in which to respond and/or object to it. A motion was made to approve the revised budget, subject to review. The budget as revised shows \$448,220 in income and \$447,081 in expenditures. This is dependent upon its electronic non-disapproval by the Vestry. Steve moved this, Brian seconded, it was unanimous.

We adjourned.