

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY OF SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
DENVER, COLORADO FOR THE MEETING HELD APRIL 6, 2010

Present were Lynn Hardcastle, Steve Grupe, George Magnuson, Brian Hyde, Richard DeTar, Judie James, Elizabeth Randall, Eric Frame, Rich Rinehart, Liz Evans, Janice Burley, Shelley Brown, and Beckett Stokes.

The meeting began at 6:42 p.m. with prayer and meditation.
Peter Thulson arrived at 6:44.

We reported, in a general way, various things we had heard people saying under the rubric of "heard around the Parish." Four people had heard parishioners commenting on the number of new people they are seeing. Two had heard comments on how meaningful Holy Week had been this year. It was noted that new money is not coming in as fast as are new people, that there is a lot of energy in the Parish, and that the ceremony of baptizing adults was beautiful. We had a very impressive Holy Week without losing the intimate feeling of the Parish. Someone was heard to compare the feeling they get from the new building with that from Westminster Abbey. I am not making this up. It was asked whether we should explain the changes in the liturgy or perhaps not do so. There is a sense of family here, and of choice. The children's program is growing. Children are more accepted. It was also noted that we have a tradition of being "quirky."

The minutes from March 2nd were read. Steve Grupe noted that we did not lose our organist candidates over the salary issue. This was confirmed by others. Steve moved the adoption of the minutes, Shelley seconded, they were unanimously approved.

Tim Croasdaile's report on the parking lots and the Urban Land Conservancy has been put off until May.

Elizabeth reported that after Easter there is about \$800 in the Rector's discretionary account. She would like to expend about ½ of that now. Let her know.

George reported that his duties were not as clear, that it is wonderful to work with Elizabeth, and that maybe we need a men's retreat. He also noted that we must remember that people are different and we have some introverts among us.

The Junior Warden, Judie, reported that the Vestry has requested an energy audit and that we can get rebates from Xcel Energy for the boiler, for labor, and for compact fluorescent light bulbs. At the upcoming workday on the tenth, Eric and Chipotle will provide lunch. People are leaving doors unlocked. Stop doing that. Elizabeth noted that this is a stewardship issue. Lynn: What about the security system? The consensus was that we should solve the lock issue first. Rich: This is a matter for the Rector's advisory committee. A standard route is needed from door to door. Shelley: It's better if people don't have to think about it. Should the facilities use group get in on this?

People applauded the Junior Warden for all her hard work. There's only \$20 left for lawn maintenance. We need to seed bare areas of the lawn, spending about \$100, and another \$400 to sod the courtyard. Fund raising will be needed for this, prior to the extensive master plan from the Landscape Committee. Shelley asks about \$776 for major maintenance. What is the relation of the Junior Warden and the Landscape Committee? What do they do beyond the master plan? Help is needed with the growing and living parts of landscaping.

Rich noted that the Vestry creates all ministries. Can the Landscape Committee help the Junior Warden on an ongoing basis? The Junior Warden is not a plant person, especially. She'll be on vacation at the best time to plant grass. The ongoing Summer maintenance of growing things needs to be handled. Rich: The focus lately has been on planning, the Landscape Committee hasn't met in quite awhile. Janice: Can we use the energy rebates on buildings and grounds? There's discussion of who is on what committees. Rich: We should separate the Landscape Planning Committee, which is temporary, from the Landscape Committee, which we shall always have with us. We should hand this separation back to the Planning Committee. Steve moved we spend \$500 on the lawn from designated funds and contributions. Beckett seconded. All voted "aye."

The Treasurer's Report: Shelley had questions. A bookkeeping error sent \$1622 more than we had intended to Haitian relief, though that was a good place to send it, how do we make it up? There were also questions about designated funds. Rich noted that such funds should be spent before operating funds. Outreach funds need to be passed along to their destinations more quickly. There is discussion of designated funds. There are a number of questions for the Treasurer.

Rich: A letter is being prepared for the next SV/SS campaign. There is \$88,000 due at the end of this coming June. The Treasurer will be back in two months. Shelley stated that, "It's really impressive to get March reports this early." Liz: The \$17,000 counted on Easter included earlier days in Holy Week.

Rich explained that the Rector's Advisory Committee sets the agenda for the Vestry.

Elizabeth: This Summer, there will be a low Mass spoken (Is "low Mass spoken" true by definition?) on Sundays. It will be small, with no coffee hour.

Shelley: The Ministerial Coordination Team, three carpenters, and a schlepper have volunteered to build shelves.

Brian went over the structure of the various landscape and other committees and reported on the Landscape Planning Committee. He wants priorities for the development of various areas. How much will be available for implementing the plan? Tyler wants to know. We can't be exact at this time.

The meeting ended with some calendaring. The Parish visioning meetings are set for April 29th, May 8th, and May 16th. Facilitator training for members of the Vestry will be April 24th and April 25th. There's going to be an Italian restaurant set up outdoors for dinner at the Vestry retreat. On May 30th, the Summer schedule of services will begin.

We adjourned.