

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DENVER, HELD THERE JANUARY 8, 2013

Present from the beginning: Shelley Brown, Jim Anthony, Richard DeTar, Sue Kilgore, Steve Grupe, Janice Burley, Susan Trickett, Rick Larson, Elizabeth Randall, George Magnuson, Chris Buri, Wib Garfield, Sue Torfin, Tim Krueger, Peter Thulson

The meeting began at 6:38 p.m. with a Lectio Divina on this week's gospel led by the Rector.

Steve Medema arrived at 6:57.

After two corrections suggested by Elizabeth, the December minutes were approved unanimously as amended. Sue K. moved this and Steve M. seconded it.

Treasurer's report: December 2012's income was very good. Both pledged and unpledged exceeded the budgeted amounts. 2012's total income was over \$500,000. There was discussion of the various colored envelope campaigns and what they mean for our overall financial picture. Tim noted that Music spent less than \$200 of the total amount of \$1000 approved for the purpose by the Vestry over and above Music's original budgeted amount. Elizabeth stated that "The abundance with which we've been blessed has become a source of ongoing and increasing wonder to me." She invited us to be grateful for these blessings of God. Jim Anthony was thanked for all he has done. The Treasurer's report was received unanimously. This was moved by Steve G. and seconded by Sue T.

Stewardship: There are 19 new pledging units this year. The pledges of fifteen established ones have not been received. The total amount pledged so far for 2013 is \$370,000. There have been some really significant amounts pledged. The new pledging units average a higher amount than do the established ones. The number of pledges totals over 125. Elizabeth and Beckett Stokes will follow up with those people from whom pledges are expected but from whom they have not been received as yet. Elizabeth noted that the next time, fundraising will be differently structured and will be brought up from time to time throughout the year.

Jr. Warden's report: The motion in paragraph 6, p. 2 of the Jr. Warden's report of last month on the use of income from the Endowment was tabled on December 12, 2012. The boiler expansion tank is leaking and is only five years old. Chris is talking with ACA Boiler about this. The cost of this repair will be at least \$2168 and possibly as much as \$300 more than that. The tabled motion was withdrawn. As regards the

\$4662.40 of income from the Endowment, \$2450 was proposed to go for the boiler repair, \$1200 for improvements to outside lighting, and \$1012.40 to repay loans made from designated funds to other purposes. Chris moved this motion, and Steve M. seconded it. Steve (My notes don't show which one.) moved to amend the motion to state that any excess funds over and above the first two named purposes above would go to pay down loans from designated funds. Elizabeth proposed the excess be used to establish a contingency fund. Steve G. noted that establishing such a fund was recommended by the auditors.

At 7:40, Rich Rinehart joined the meeting.

Chris accepted repaying the loans from designated funds as a friendly amendment. Sue T. moved the motion as amended, Steve M. seconded it, and it was approved by 7 people. Elizabeth and Susan Trickett voted against.

Tim reported on Music: Ralph Valentine, organist, donated the exact amount of money needed to make the organ "Midi compatible." More hymnals and prayer books are needed. This matter was evidently overlooked when the church building's seating capacity was increased. Liz Evans has brought some over from St. George's via the Diocese. Hymnals in the requisite numbers would cost from \$450 to \$1000. Tim proposed treating this as an additional worship expense. Steve G. stated that for festival services, we can print everything needed out in the service leaflets. Steve M. moved that \$1000 of the 2013 budget should go for hymnals and prayerbooks. Keep the others for educational and office use. This motion was unanimously approved.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Janice, chair, referred the Vestry to the parish's e-ministry for information on those nominated to the Vestry. Elizabeth commended her and Steve G., Peter, and Rich on a job very well done.

The 2013 budget: A Youth Minister will cost \$85,000 for the period from July 2013 through December 2015. Already, 8 members of the Parish have agreed to pay a total of \$73,000 of this amount for this time period. There was much discussion of the 2013 budget. The Altar Guild line item does not include the third service. Add \$1000. There was discussion of what the affects of the third service would be on both income and expenses. Steve M. moved and Sue T. seconded the approval of the 2013 budget as amended. Elizabeth stated that this budget more than any previous one reflects both our vision and our growth. Jim Anthony was applauded. The budget was unanimously approved. Can the budget go out as on e-ministry this coming Thursday? Probably, we shall see.

Father George reported that there are 28 catechumens and that there will be a men's retreat February 26-28.

Wib noted that the state legislative session is beginning.

Shelley reported that the January MCT meeting has been cancelled and that she will be meeting with Elayne Gallagher on the subject of leadership.

Peter: Elayne Gallagher will also be helping with Who Is My Neighbor.

Sue T., reporting regarding Safe Haven, noted that it has had a galvanizing affect on the Parish but that some burnout has been noted. What will happen next?

Wib: The Outreach Committee now meets on the third Thursday of each month.

The Vestry celebrated the ministries of and said goodbye to: Rich Rinehart, Richard DeTar, Janice Burley, Steve Grupe, and Peter Thulson. The Vestry unanimously elected Shelley Brown to replace me as Clerk and unanimously re-elected Jim Anthony as Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard DeTar, Clerk