

## FEBRUARY VESTRY MEETING MINUTES – 02/07/2012

Following a sumptuous repast, Elizabeth called us to order at 7:03. She led us in a meditation in the manner we often use, involving the reading four times of a story of Jesus and a leper, this week's gospel.

Present: Shelley Brown, Elizabeth Randall, Rich Rinehart, Rick Larson, Peter Thulson, Bennett Buenconsuejo, Pam Stewart, Richard DeTar, Steve Grupe, George Magnuson, Tim Krueger, Sue Kilgore, Chris Buri, Sue Torfin, Susan Trickett, Wib Garfield, Janice Burley

Rich Rinehart told the Vestry who the members of the St. Andrew's Financial Committee are. They are: Steve Medema, Susan Trickett, Bob Moser, Diana Solomon, Jim Anthony, Rich Rinehart, and Elizabeth Randall.

Approval minutes of the January 2012 Vestry meeting was moved by Susan Trickett, seconded by Sue Torfin, and unanimously approved. At this point, we began to hear suggestions from members of the Parish at large as well as from members of the Vestry regarding our financial situation, and Shelley Brown took notes for this part of the meeting. We closed this part of the meeting with a prayer at 8:50 p.m.

Sue Torfin reported on the Safe Haven Project, providing shelter for homeless single women. Thirty people have volunteered to be here overnight with our guests. We have had offers of bedding and food, one person volunteered to take care of laundry for the whole 2 months, hundreds of dollars in donations have been offered. There is a time problem involving a gap between St. Francis Center's closing and our opening at 7 p.m. We may have to open earlier. Trainings for volunteers will be the 18<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of this month. Chris mentioned discussions of matters like security and insurance which have already taken place. The hours of the trainings are 9 to 12. Storage might be a problem. Elizabeth described herself as "moved and thrilled" by the Parish's response to this opportunity for outreach. Sue has heard no negative comments, only questions regarding practical matters.

Peter handed out an update on the summer art program. He made clear this is a profit-making venture. It has flourished at the Odyssey School because they saw it as mutually beneficial. There'd always be one person present who has had "Safeguarding God's Children" training. The question of insurance is in progress. The use of space has been free at Odyssey School. It would be, here also, 4 5-day sessions. The Thulsons would take care of cleanup and might pay the Sexton a little for helping. Food would be essentially sack lunches and snacks. The school would have exclusive use of the undercroft during the 20 days noted above. They can't be at Odyssey School this year due to construction. Sue Torfin moved to approve this program subject to the Thulsons providing suitable liability insurance. Sue Kilgore seconded the motion. The children come from many places, many areas. What about the children of St. Andrew's? There was discussion of this possibility. There was discussion also of the possible wear and tear on the undercroft as a result of the art and animation camp. The motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth's report: She thanked the Vestry for the above conversation on finances. She is going on a retreat tomorrow, returning on Sunday.

Twenty-four men showed up for the men's book group.

Chris had no report, nor did Tim. Shelley: The Lambeth Quadrilateral meets on Valentine's Day and then with the Ministry Collaboration Team . The LQ is Judie, Shelley, Rick Larson, and Tim Croasdaile.

Rich notes that meeting on the first Tuesday of the month makes it very hard to get full financial reports by that time. Peter passed out a report on WIMN? – He wants to know and be known by neighborhood more. All of the Parish will be invited to the next meeting of Who Is My Neighbor?. The speaker will be Dr. Tompkins, the author of "Who Is My Neighbor?" on homelessness in Denver. Brian Hyde will lead a walk in the Benedict Fountain Park area, as part of the preparation for the park meeting that will be held here.

Back to calendaring: Rich will check with Steve Medema and Jim Anthony about changing the Vestry's meeting night to the second Tuesday of each month.

The meeting ended with a prayer by Elizabeth at 9:40 p.m.