

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DENVER, COLORADO OF MARCH 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Present were Richard DeTar, Judie James, George Magnuson, Liz Evans, Tim Croasdaile, Roger Kilgore, Jim Anthony, Rich Rinehart, Shelley Brown, Lynn Hardcastle

During the checking in activity, it was noted that seven people attended Share, Save, and Spend, and five attended Episcopal 101.

At 6:45, Eric Frame arrived.

Roger Kilgore reported that we are on schedule to complete the building addition project in July of this year. The actual date of the completion may be known as early as April. The cornerstone will be laid on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup>, and we can write on it. There will be tours of the building that day, and appropriate headgear was discussed. Wear a hardhat if you have one, but they will not be required.

At 6:49, Mother Sally Brown arrived.

At 6:51, Roger left.

At 6:52, Sue Kilgore and Jennifer Barker arrived. Information packets on each of the 3 rector candidates were given out for us to read. Sue stressed the need for confidentiality. The packets were described. There was discussion of proper procedures for the Saturday meeting of the vestry and search committee and the meetings with the candidates. Tim will further explain the process to the parish. Mother Sally recommends our looking at the ordination vow. Tim stated the parish profile is on our website and paper copies of it are available. Sue stated the 3 candidates were the clear favorites in the voting by the search committee.

The minutes of the February 3, 2009 vestry meeting were approved unanimously.

Jim gave the financial report. We are ahead by \$5000 due to monies received from "unofficial" pledgers. Tim noted our financial good fortune in light of the downturn in the economy. Shelley moved acceptance of the report, Eric seconded, it was done unanimously.

Tim explained what the parochial report is and that it is required. It covers the past year, it is for the diocese, and it goes to the national level of the denomination.

There was discussion of the vestry retreat of February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of this year. Tim mentioned that goals were set regarding the rector and facilities. We need to form task forces around the goals, such as welcoming the rector and coordinating ministries, we need a parish council to do this, including scheduling so as to avoid schedule conflicts in the parish calendar. Rich Rinehart explained how this worked in his experience of St. John's Cathedral. George asked a question regarding a coordinating committee. It would not have authority, it would be a way to develop leadership. George noted this should not be bicameral. (I believe this means "with the vestry.") The name of the body was discussed. This would be part of the move toward becoming a program church. This body would involve the parish's major ministries. Rich, Eric, and Liz will be on this body.

Shelley will be part of a group dealing with facilities, as will the Junior Warden ex officio. This body will reach out beyond the vestry.

The retreat foci of money and community were tabled until our next meeting. There was mention of what various people had signed up for at the retreat.

The Parochial Report was approved.

Mother Sally reported that 19 parish people were involved in the Interfaith Hospitality Network. She also reported on our First Sunday gatherings and on forming guidelines for

Eucharistic ministers and visitors. These people should be licensed by the time we get our new rector. Cheak Yee is leaving us. Pam Stewart will do this. The requirements were explained in terms of "safeguarding God's people." The acolytes are being relicensed also. The church's deacons are following the actions of the state legislature regarding the poor. We also need 1 more delegate to the March 28<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention.

Father George spoke about Easter. He stated that outreach and evangelism need to be developed with the new Rector, as does our return to our building. Father George is part of a commission on lay ministries. He also works with St. Andrew's in Cripple Creek.

Sally asked how we shall thank Holy Redeemer. Rich suggested we give them a sign. Note: This means a material sign, not a sign from above.

Judie reported on the Parish House. There is a second leak. Two shutoff valves have been replaced. There are asbestos problems in the basement and on pipes which are being abated for \$11,200, paid for by the Church Insurance Company. There is mold under the carpet and behind the cabinets on the walls. This will cost \$945 to \$1085. Decisions have to be made regarding room use and configuration of the building. Seven radiators leaked, and a plumber is coming. All this was caused by this past Winter's one really cold spell. The sprinkler systems will be restored as part of the work of the SV/SS committee.

The Clerk was instructed to thank St. Thomas for the use of their facilities for our vestry retreat. Judie moved we make a \$100 donation to their outreach, and this was approved.

The leadership workshop was discussed. Four people have signed up for it on the 25<sup>th</sup> and three for the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The rector candidate dinners were discussed, including the planning and the refreshments for these.

There was discussion of the parish schedule of events for March and April, what, where, and when.

Tim was interviewed by the Denver Daily News regarding the economy.

Rich stated that he enjoyed Share, Save, and Spend, and it was good. Shelley agreed, noting that child care is needed. Nursery care is also needed for the film and discussion "Traces of the Trade." Brenda does this, but another person must be there. There is a designated fund for this. Child care in general was discussed. Fifty-six people are signed up for "Traces of the Trade."

The meeting was adjourned.