

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DENVER, CO  
APRIL 5, 2011**

**Present:** Wib Garfield, Elizabeth Randall, Steve Medema, Sue Torfin, Bobbi Siersma (guest), Peter Thulson, Tim Krueger, Steve Grupe, Eric Frame, Rich Rinehart, George Magnuson, Susan Trickett, Shelley Brown (guest and substitute clerk)

**Parish gardening and planting:** Bobbi Siersma, chair of the Gardening team, presented a proposal for plantings for the parish campus. Bobbi's previous career was planting water-wise flower gardens; she is a Master Gardener. She brought a draft design for the flower beds fronting the parish house and the beds bordering the fence between the lawn and the south parking lot. The plants in this proposal are pretty maintenance-free and are all water-wise.

Bobbie wondered, if we stay with climbing roses on the front of the parish house, whether we would consider white Iceberg roses (blooms in the summer) and sweet autumn clematis (blooms in the fall). She also had several other options in deep pink and red. She proposed boxwoods in front of the climbing roses; they grow 3 to 4 feet tall and would camouflage the water pipes. She proposed a large pink viburnum for the south corner of the parish house and Korean spice viburnums against the south fence and a lavender plant near the street and lining the walk between the church and the parish house lawn. Additionally she proposes mulching all of the beds. She also noticed a couple of roses in front of the parish house which are not blooming, and proposes moving them or putting them in pots. Bobbi will pay for the plants and will pay a workman; they will put these plants in together.

Elizabeth pointed out that none of this conflicts with the proposals made in the landscaping plan last year. (NOTE: The Vestry received the plan without making plans to implement it.) Rich mentioned that eventually something might happen to interfere with the Korean Spice viburnums along the fence, when the parking lots are developed; and that the landscape plan will probably be revived or decided on at this point.

Bobbi asked about the irrigation system and will meet with the people who maintain that system to be sure it will adequately feed these plants.

Tim suggested adding a bench (perhaps the one now in the courtyard) under the apple tree.

**MOTION (Made by Steve Grupe, seconded and passed):** To accept Bobbi's proposal, assuming positive answers to the following questions which are needed for due diligence:

1. Make courtesy notifications to the Landscaping group (Ben Cordova and Brian Hyde); Judie James; and the Neighborhood Garden group (Susan Trickett – this was done at the Vestry meeting). Elizabeth volunteered to call Ben and Brian.
2. Consult the parish historians and Mike Giddings re: moving the roses
3. Check that the irrigation system will indeed feed these plants
4. Verify (with the Treasurer and the Junior Warden) whether there are any budget impacts.

**March Vestry Minutes:** Approved with two amendments by Susan Trickett.

**SVSP Parishioner Loan Program:** (Susan took notes on this discussion) Shelley presented the draft slide show and got feedback. Susan distributed draft narrative (Vestry to send feedback to Susan for this) and Q&A materials (send feedback to Rich). Rich presented draft financial materials (Vestry to send

feedback to Rich). The idea is to have another meeting with the people interested in making a loan to give more details.

Rich shared information for the Vestry's consideration showing the estimated impacts on future parish budgets and forecasts through 2016. Susan took notes for use by the committee in finalizing the presentation materials.

We need legal, Colorado Episcopal Foundation, bank, and Vestry approval for the final shape and specifics of the plan. The draft materials are descriptive (what we expect the numbers will be but subject to amendment), not prescriptive.

Vestry comments: The loan program seems the most practical, and no other option seems available. We must really plan for repaying the loans; otherwise we are just kicking the problem down the road. We need to share specifics about the loan program with the parish. Other parts of this plan also are to ask people to accelerate payment of earlier pledges, or to make new ones or new one-time gifts. It is the responsibility of the Vestry to formulate these solutions and to do the homework on them. We need to make a strong statement about our own strong commitment to repayment, and the specific plan for it.

**MOTION:** The Vestry approves in principle the plan to ask the members to participate in an SVSS/SVSP parishioner loan program through the Colorado Episcopal Foundation to reduce the outstanding balance of the construction loan, pending approval of the Colorado Episcopal Foundation and Colorado State Bank & Trust and approval of the terms of the final plan by the Vestry. Moved by Susan Trickett and seconded by Steve Grupe. The motion carried unanimously.

There will be a special e-ministry this week to announce the presentations.

**Parish Life proposal for St. Andrew's at the Rockies:** The Vestry supported the idea of allowing the deposit for this event to be paid by parish funds, with parishioners paying their fees to the parish.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelley Brown for Richard DeTar