

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH HELD AT THE CHURCH MAY 8, 2012

Present: Chris Buri, Janice Burley, Wib Garfield, George Magnuson, Sue Kilgore, Tim Krueger, Rick Larson, Steve Medema, Richard DeTar, Peter Thulson, Elizabeth Randall, Rich Rinehart, Steve Grupe, Sue Torfin.
Not present: Shelley Brown, Jim Anthony, Pam Stewart, Susan Trickett.

The meeting began with a lectio divina of this week's gospel.

At 7:00 p.m., Peter moved and Sue (which?) seconded the approval of the March minutes. They were approved unanimously. Rick moved and Sue (which?) seconded the approval of the April minutes. They were approved unanimously. Steve Grupe noted that the fact that his absence from the April meeting was "excused" was in the first draft of those minutes but dropped out in the final revision. From now on, minutes will show the names of those not in attendance as well as of those present.

7:04 – Steve Medema arrived.

Treasurer's report: We really are about \$12,000 ahead of budget at this time. Rich stated that we are going into the lean time of the calendar year now. The \$12,000 we are ahead should be in the There Will Your Heart Be Also line of the financial report, as should another \$4000 plus. We're \$16,000 ahead. Some small additional amounts are going to go into Outreach. Rick noted expenses have been held down by \$4000. Tim noted that half of that is in the music area of the budget and that the recent concert to benefit St. Andrew's brought in \$1,859 and was attended by 72 people.

The yellow envelopes have brought in \$7400 so far. This campaign is being extended through the end of May. Maybe in future similar campaigns should not be timed so that they seem to be competing with other fundraising, as this one appears to be, in this case with the Endowment. How do we get this sort of thing on people's radar screens? The address of the church should be on the envelopes. Steve Medema asked how much of this campaign is coming out of plate, what proportion of it? Elizabeth noted we should plan in advance how fundraising messages will change from week to week. Fifty yellow envelopes have been received so far. There was discussion of the best time for a similar appeal to benefit the music program.

There was discussion of the processes followed by the Vestry in dealing with the matters before us. Sue (which?): We should invite a diversity of viewpoints. The function of a "process monitor" or "observer" was explained. This function can and maybe should rotate among various members of the Vestry.

Peter asked if someone present could try to represent the views of those not present. Rich asked if we should try to get reports for reading to the Vestry members earlier, perhaps Sunday at 5:00 p.m. instead of Monday at that time. Elizabeth noted those not present should be named, and also that it should be possible in difficult situations for any Vestry member to ask for a moment of silence and reflection.

Here follow various reports given by members of the Vestry. Rector: See written report. She held up Sue Torfin and Rick Larson for the work they have done on, respectively, Safe Haven and Stewardship.

George: We are seeing many new faces at St. Andrew's lately.

Wib had no report.

Chris: He has received positive feedback on the changes to the restroom lighting. The workday April 28 was a success. The water heating is leaking, is bigger than it needs to be, and would be difficult to get out of its present location. Cockroaches have been seen, mostly in the choir robe closet. The irrigation system is now on, and those responsible for ringing the great bell have been shown how to do this with as little unwanted sound from the rope and pulleys as possible.

Tim, music: There is a compact disc in the works, the first by St. Andrew's choir. It is planned to appear at the end of September of this year, to coincide with the envelope campaign for music.

The Ministry Collaboration Team had no report.

Peter, WIMN?: There will be an early summer picnic for the neighborhood. Work is being done on more formal research on the future use of the parking lots. St. Andrew's might be used as a polling place, but not during the summer, due to the Poetic City (full name?) use of the facilities.

Sue Torfin: The Safe Haven project is continuing on past the end of April. Nancy McMahon is doing a great deal of work on the project. More Site Coordinators are being trained. The women will be hosted four times at St. John's Cathedral. One person's donation has bought all of the cots now owned by the project, and more money has been given. Doing the laundry has proved to be expensive. It costs a dollar a pound to launder the sheets. Swedish Hospital may perhaps help with this. Continuing financial support of the project is needed.

Wib, Outreach: The focus now is on funding our fundamental partners and on the Safe Haven project. Elizabeth noted Outreach is quite active now and is really going well.

In June, Roger Kilgore and George Hoover will report to the Vestry on the parking lots. There will also be a premeeting training on reading the financial reports at 5 p.m. The Vestry retreat will take place on June 30th from 1 to 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner. In regard to the fall retreat, weekend after weekend which was brought up fell to already scheduled events, pushing it ever farther into the future, on, in fact, to November, the second weekend of same, which is a long weekend. The meeting ended at 8:34 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Richard DeTar, Clerk

