

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
DENVER, FOR JULY 7, 2009

Present were Tim Croasdaile (Sr. Warden), Jim Anthony (Treasurer), Richard DeTar (Clerk), Lynn Hardcastle, Shelley Brown, Judie James (Jr. Warden), Deacon Sally Brown, Eric Frame, David Dunn, Rich Rinehart, and Father George Magnuson. Also present for various purposes were non-Vestry members Roger Kilgore, Skip Meier, and Ben Cordova.

The meeting began at 6:35 p.m. Ben reported on landscaping. Inspired by the SV/SS cutbacks and a need for volunteers, 12 people volunteered to be on an SV/SS subcommittee for the garth. The Vestry is being asked to look at other areas of the Parish grounds (but not the parking lots, which are not this subcommittee's responsibility). A master plan is being prepared. The core group is Ben, Skip, Brian Hyde, and Bobbi Seersma. Attached to this document is the site plan prior to its construction. Do they have the Vestry's okay to develop a landscape master plan?

Shelley: Set oneself apart in order to re-engage.

Deacon Sally: Our friends on the street (the homeless of the area) know we are back. We should not be too exclusive, the plan should be environmentally sound..

Ben: This was discussed, plans might include a community garden.

Tim: That is being done at 34th and Holly by our parking lot partners, the Urban Land Conservancy. Several people have talked of our parking lot boxes for such gardens also. Tim himself and Mike Giddings are entitled to fees for their work on the parking lots. This money will be used to trim the trees on the south lots.

Roger: We can't lose any parking space. The parking lots are managed by Tim and George Hoover.

Deacon Sally: This should be coordinated with Judie, she is ex-officio on the committee, it helps her. Let ministry drive this.

David: How does the subcommittee's concept of a medieval garth translate into the 21st century?

Ben: There will be input from beyond the core four people.

The consensus of the Vestry was that the subcommittee can proceed with the plan.

Eric: Many organizations would be willing to partner with us for urban gardens.

Tim: St. Andrew's has met with the neighborhood group. We are the anchor of the neighborhood.

Shelley moved they go ahead with the master plan, Lynn seconded, it was approved unanimously.

Roger, for SV/SS, reported the organ is unwrapped, it is fine, the reredos is in. There is a lot to do this Friday and Saturday, the pavers are being put in. There is one inspection problem, the elevator may not be operating for our return to St. Andrew's this coming Sunday.

Tim: Will it be too hot for the choir to be robed without the swamp cooler running all day Saturday? Let's discourage people from nitpicking the new building for two weeks. Roger discusses keys to the building and security access. There is cash needed to close the gap regarding the bills which come due as the project is being finished. We got \$85,000 through the Colorado Episcopal Foundation of the needed

\$150,000. \$50,000 more can come from the bank. We need to borrow \$15,000 from our endowment. The results of the meeting with the endowment committee are attached. Roger explained how this works. It does not take down the endowment principal. The endowment will receive interest and will be divided into more accounts. We'll probably only borrow \$15,000. The endowment is the third choice after CEF and the bank.

Shelley made a motion, which is attached, Judie seconded, it was approved unanimously

Father George: The sound system will be working for our return on the 12th.

Tim: At 2:00 on Thursday, there will be a liturgical runthrough. A large amount of work was done on the Parish House by Roger, Judie, Barbara Becker, Cyn, Shelley, and Rich.

There were corrections to the June minutes. Deb McVicker, not Debbie Courtney, was at the meeting. (I think my notes just said "Debbie.") The spelling of Bobbi Seersma's name was corrected to "Siersma." Deacon Sally gave me a paragraph, which is appended, to clarify the minutes regarding just what is ending and when and our delegates to the Diocesan Convention. I asked that materials given to me for attachment to the minutes be paginated and marked with the date of the meeting on each page. Shelley moved approval of the minutes for June as amended, Judie seconded, it was approved unanimously.

Jim explained the attached financial report. Kathy Fleming and Jim will explain the details of the financial statements to us this Fall. We are financially flush due to our lower expenses caused by temporarily having no Rector. No one has told him the economy is preventing them from making a pledge. He'll send out word for people to do this, if they find they have to. Where is outreach in the budget? It is not clear, Jim will find this out. Shelley moves acceptance of the report, Lynn seconds, it is accepted unanimously.

Shelley: The Parish House is almost finished, except for the Administrator's office. The Administrator will move in the 14th. Julie Jarvis made a punch list. The children's materials are all in and well done, mainly by the Klaasens. Brenda can't do child care, she needs to have more hours than we need for her to do. We can offer enough hours when we have two services again. The child-care service she works for is looking for someone for us. We'll pay the four hours this Sunday for continuity. We'll live with the Parish House floor for now. Where will all our art go? Lynn and 2 to 4 others will figure out the art, catalogue it, and decide where each object will go. Shelley moved Lynn be approved for this, David seconds, it is approved unanimously.

Tim brings up a resolution (attached) to provide phone, wiring system needed replacement. Tim explains a bunch of stuff about the phone system. We're leasing to save money, there will be a wireless system, and training for us on the system's use. He explains where the phones will be, there will be jacks in every room. The host system will be ours, not Qwest's. Shelley moves the resolution, David seconds it, it is approved unanimously.

Tim: We should name the acolyte room the Titus Room. Shelley moves this, Judie seconds, it is approved unanimously

Junior Warden's report: Work on the leak is almost finished, the boiler is installed and inspected. There is one defective radiator. The advent wreath was apparently thrown out by the asbestos abaters. Himmelman did the sprinkler system, but it is not programmed quite yet. There is \$200 for mulch and edging, and help is needed

with the latter. A splash block is needed for a downspout. Our Sexton, Greg, works 13 hours a week, but there is more to do now that there are more restrooms. Thirteen hours a week may not be enough. A subcommittee is needed on keys and security.

Rich Rinehart: People are beginning to understand the Collaboration Team. There will be a retreat August 22nd. The planning year will be the school year. An opportunity fair will be held again. The directory will be all tuned up and corrected by September. Grants are approved. See attached.

Tim: We need to communicate better. There is discussion of bulletin boards and where they'll go.

Deacon Sally: Loaves and fishes Sunday is the 26th of this month.

Father George: Can we have the church door open with someone to show it to people? How about a sandwich board? "We're back" needs to be announced to the community. Plans are discussed for our July 12th return. Name tags are discussed. There is discussion of logistics for that day. There will be extra ushers.

Tim: Holy Redeemer will miss us. Thanks to the Vestry for the barbecue. The Delzell Room will be unveiled on the 12th. There will be a potluck. SV/SS will be recognized. It is unknown if the construction fence will be down. There are comments on how great the new interior looks.

We adjourned.