

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING, ST. ANDREW'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DENVER, COLORADO, HELD JULY 6, 2010

Four people were absent, Tim Krueger and Elizabeth Randall due to vacations, Peter Thulson due to being out of town, and Liz Evans due to ill health.

Present were Judie James, Richard DeTar, Eric Frame, Martha Bollenbacher (not a Vestry member), Lynn Hardcastle, Rich Rinehart, Beckett Stokes, Steve Grupe, Jim Anthony, and Brian Hyde.

The meeting began in the church undercroft at 6:42 p.m. Steve opened the meeting with prayer and meditation.

Martha Bollenbacher was here to tell us of a meeting with Father Steve Wilson on the 17<sup>th</sup> of this month (See attached.). She praised the value of this free workshop and encouraged attendance. It will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's.

See the report attached regarding the endowment funds. Distributed funds this year will probably not be a very large amount.

Rich would like feedback on the visioning survey. Eleven Vestry members took it

It is noted that the June 5 minutes should say "notices" instead of "announcements." Beckett and Steve clarified that the issue which had to be publicized a certain number of Sundays in advance, according to the bylaws, was the meeting itself, and not the temporary shortfall in the Parish's funds regarding the loan repayment.

The Junior Warden (Judie) explained changes regarding who has which keys to the church buildings, giving outside-the-Parish groups keys that limit access to same. This should fit in the maintenance budget. Help is needed on the grounds, gardening work, such as weeding. Decision help is needed on protecting the semi-outside parts of the buildings from freezing in the Winter. Would rekeying impact this? In addition, a sort of "mini" grant application will be done for a rebate from Xcel Energy for programmable thermostats. We received \$300 for the compact fluorescent bulbs. Getting such money for the boiler is a complicated matter. She read a list of completed projects. Many clever parishioners have helped. More help is needed. Meetings are not needed. Rich has given us a fine, new lawnmower. It may need a shed in which to store it. Lynn asked if there wasn't one already. Can we get rid of our snowblower? It is large and may not work. A small one would be \$500. Shelley would prefer it (the shed) not to be in the courtyard at all. Brian asked if we are not already at the limit of the number of parking places we are required to have. Ben Cordova is getting estimates of tree trimming costs. Our

seemingly ideal Sexton fell off a ladder somewhere else after working just one day here and was seriously injured. We now share a part-time Sexton with St. Stephen's.

The Treasurer's Report: About ¾ of the June receipts were from people who had pledged before. There was \$93,000 of additional reconfirmed pledges. Only 3% of pledges were abandoned. Some of the numbers are explained by considerations having to do with timing. Not enough was budgeted for administrative costs. We are under budget on utilities, heating was less than predicted due to new boiler and bulbs. The lawn and grounds are over budget, Judie notes. Repair of the sprinkler system was not foreseen. Sam Boyer, handyman, did not charge for his labor, only parts. All landscaping was taken out of this year's budget. There is \$225 in landscaping, Rich notes. Does the Vestry have to be asked each time money is moved from designated funds? Not if there is a donor who specifies this. Irrigation repair is landscaping. It was moved by Shelley, seconded by Eric, and approved unanimously to use the \$225 shown under "landscaping" for this purpose. Outreach will adjust for the unintentional "overgiving" to Haiti relief. What does the expense of \$422 to Paulino Gardens represent? We are in good shape, considering the time of year.

Shelley brought up the Ministry Collaboration Team retreat, which will be held in August.

The visioning process was described, also what is going on with the survey. There was discussion of what shows up on our website and what should be on it.

Eric: Loaves and Fishes will be July 25<sup>th</sup> this year. Shelley: Six people signed up with the St. Francis Center to staff Second Sunday.

Lynn explained what her committee does. They are formulating a mission statement this month, then they will figure out monthly tasks and 1-, 2-, and 3-year plans to care for the Parish's art objects and to learn their history and sources.

Sacred Vision/Sacred Space II: Susan Trickett and Andy Robinson will be in charge of this.

There was some pretty detailed discussion of the Parish visioning survey. We are allocate four lay delegates to the diocesan convention. These will be Rich (Sr. Warden), Judie (Junior Warden), Steve, and Jim. There is a possibility of the Parish holding an overnight retreat in Summit County. The Bylaws Committee will be chaired by Sue Kilgore. There will be new bylaws by January, 2011. Judie will be on the committee. We adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

