

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF ST.
ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DENVER, CO HELD
THERE ON AUGUST 4, 2009

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. Present were Richard DeTar, Judie James, Tim Croasdaile, Liz Evans, Eric Frame, Elizabeth Randall, David Dunn, Shelley Brown, Tim Krueger, Deb McVicker, Rich Rinehart, Jim Anthony, Deacon Sally Brown, and Lynn Hardcastle.

Father George Magnuson was either gone or going to Seattle.

Liz Evans noted that she was at the special meeting of the Vestry on June the 28th. She was counting that morning's pledge and plate, and I did not note her presence, as she had to divide her time between the two activities and sort of hovered about.

At 6:50, Sue Backus arrived. Beckett Stokes came in at 6:52.

There was one correction last meeting's minutes. I spelled the name of the parishioners named "Claassen" as "Klaasen."

Financial report: On page 3, June is down \$17.88. No one has thus far told the Treasurer they are unable to pay their pledge. We are under estimates on most expenses, but not administration nor buildings and grounds. Outreach is back on the record as a line item. Regarding designated funds, some checks need to be paid. We probably have more money in the organ fund than the cost of the organ, almost \$1000. Jim will verify this. We may use it for hymnals. The \$567, Deacon Sally notes, should go to MetroCareRing right away, they need it. Is there also extra money for a microphone? \$55.75 goes to MetroCareRin also. What about memorial funds? Their use will be decided. Deacon Sally: The Boland \$1530 will go into the final use of the parking lots as seed money. "Hardcastle" is for Lynn's services. Sue moved acceptance of the report, Judie seconded, it was accepted unanimously.

People applauded Judie and Shelley. For Roger: The contractor is working on the punch list, the elevator will be working soon and no sump pump is needed. We shall slow down the swamp cooler for quiet. ListenUp will improve our sound so participants can hear it. The bell pull will be improved. The keys will be explained. There will be two types, one for those not needing access to any area but the undercroft.

The security system is not active yet, decisions need to be made regarding this. Vivian, the Parish Administrator, is off for two weeks. The last radiator is in, we have Parish House heat. The basement will be repaired. Ann Luke is working on a drawing of the advent wreath. The sprinkler system is almost fixed. Judie has been running it manually. It will cost \$100 to \$500 to fix it. Himmelman's dumpster is gone. Where will our dumpster go? On our property? In the alley? There is discussion of recycling. There is someone to call at the Cathedral about this. The dishwashers are fixed, one by Himmelman. A refrigerator's freezer will not de-ice. Rich Rinehart was looking at this even as these very words were being written. We have too much furniture. Someone may buy some of it at the auction. Ann Luke is making a list of needed

liturgical items. This is discussed. A general wish list of needs can be made. Who will do this?

Judie: The Colorado Episcopal Foundation suggests we have a gift acceptance committee. There is discussion of the parking lots, which ones are ours and which ones are not.

Shelley: She has a punch list of her own. She mentions some items still to be done and wants input on needs from those in the Parish House. Eventual parking lot use has not yet begun to loom over us. There will be work days twice annually.

Rich: There will be a retreat August 22nd. Advance planning for it will be August 10th, involving himself, Judie, Elizabeth, and Maryann. There was a welcoming ministries retreat earlier this month. The Opportunity Fair will be held September 20th. Julie and Bronwyn will organize it.

Deacon Sally: Trinity Methodist is having a 1.8 million dollar capital campaign for outreach. Loaves and Fishes is down this year. The Interfaith Hospitality Network is helping 4 families with 18 volunteers, which latter figure is down 5. The names are listed of the 13 people we're now serving. A letter is read from the Haiti Project, great work is being done, a grant has been sent by us, the student we are helping in Haiti graduates soon. All our Eucharistic Visitors are now relicensed.

Tim C.: A check should be cut soon for Diocesan Convention delegates. A new copier is needed. It is moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that we get one. There will be an outside facilitator for the Vestry/Rector retreat, Ruth Woodliff-Stanley is recommended as that person for \$1000. Diocesan Center. This cost will be covered by donations from Vestry members, with any additional amount contributed going to MetroCareRing. There will probably be an auction here on Hallowe'en. Let us keep costumes family-friendly, as children will be there after trick-or-treating. Billing will be after the auction itself. Tim C. will head this up. We're working on getting more hymnals and prayer books.

Elizabeth, Rector's report: When her computer is fixed, we'll get her report on four days. She expressed great gratitude to St. Andrew's on behalf of her family. What about going back to two services? Comments on this included such matters as size, incense, children, Christian Education, the fragmentation of community, people with mid-day commitments. Also: that other times are possible, that coffee hour is important, bringing 9:00 people back, too much change, and enough people (?).

Father George will remain with us.

Deacon Sally will be here for another two months. We should listen to God's will for the future.

Tim C. clarifies the Rector's Discretionary Fund, we budget \$1200 for it. Elizabeth clarifies that the discretionary fund is "for the relief of those in need," not just for whatever we want. From now on, says Tim C., it will receive the cash from the free offering for one Sunday each month.

Elizabeth states that other priests than herself will preach about half the time and will also celebrate. We'll try different ways to serve communion. We'll see what theme will emerge.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard DeTar, Clerk of the Vestry