

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DENVER, COLORADO, CO HELD AT THE CHURCH AUGUST 2, 2011

The meeting began around 6:30 p.m.

Present from the outset were George Magnuson, Steve Medema, Wib Garfield, Peter Thulson, Jim Anthony, Liz Evans, Rich Rinehart, Sue Torfin, Lynn Hardcastle, Susan Trickett, Tim Krueger, Richard DeTar, and Judie James.

Absent with excused absences were Elizabeth Randall and Steve Grupe.

Judie moved and Peter seconded the acceptance of the July 2011 minutes. They were accepted unanimously.

Regarding the blessing of same-gender relationships: The discernment process has been completed. No one said we should not go ahead and begin to perform these ceremonies, all expressing an opinion supported our doing so. Our discussion of this at the upcoming Vestry retreat might take as much as an hour, or perhaps less. Wib noted the diocese is developing this as a process for all parishes. Some in our Parish have apparently found the discernment process itself denigrating to the GLBT community. One other parish is also doing what we are doing now.

Janice Burley arrived at 7:10.

There was discussion of the value of the discernment process mentioned above beyond the decision itself.

The Rector's report: Who Is My Neighbor? Will proceed. Who will be on the committee will be decided. A chair will be named after Elizabeth's return from her two-week vacation.

Judie spoke about Education for Ministry. A special fund the diocese used to sponsor EfM has run out. Susan and Judie would like a letter sent to the Bishop asking the diocese to approve \$2000 for EfM. This will support mentor training in Colorado and \$100 off each person's tuition. Sue moved and Liz seconded the sending of this letter. Steve mentioned that many parishes participate in EfM. This should be briefly noted in the letter. Rich suggested adding the following sentence: "It builds community and trains leadership throughout the diocese of Colorado. This letter will be signed by the Vestry Clerk. There might be some money in 2012 for EfM in St. Andrew's budget.

Judie referred to her report regarding signage. There should be a single large sign on a parish building identifying the parish. Rich noted David Tweed worked on various signs but that this work was not completed. Should this go to the committee on communications? Rich said this was not finished due to lack of money. George suggested projecting the sign on an exterior wall. Steve suggested sending this project to Who Is My Neighbor? Susan stated the charge of that committee is different from what

would be involved in directing the putting up of such a sign. It was decided the responsibility is that of Communications. Judie asked what other signs might be needed as well.

Logistics for the Vestry retreat were discussed. A list of who would work on which meals was passed out. Liz explained how this will work. It will be Bring Your Own Beverage. Sue suggested there should be snacks in addition to the meals. The retreat will be held from August 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. Early arrival time will be 3:00 p.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be at 6:30. On the second day, coffee will be at 7:30 a.m., and we'll begin to meet at 9:00. There will be a break from 3:00 to 4:30. From 5:30 to 6:30, there will be cocktails and appetizers. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, coffee will be at 7:00 p.m. and breakfast at 7:30, so people can be at St. Andrew's by 10:00. It takes an hour and a quarter to drive from the retreat location to the Parish. Homes utilized for this will be the condos of the Thibaults, Rineharts, and Hosmans in Keystone. Will there be, Janice asks, any early hiking?

For the retreat agenda, see the letter from Elizabeth.

The Treasurer's Report: which see. There was discussion of designated funds, their use for their designated purposes and borrowing from them. There was discussion of donor-designated and Vestry-designated funds.

The Vestry was in executive session from 8:20 p.m. until 9:22.

At 9:30, we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Richard DeTar, Clerk