

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
October 8, 2003

(correct per November 12, 2003)

A regular meeting of the vestry of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Denver, was held on October 8, 2003, in the church undercroft. Senior Warden Betty Luce presided. Also present were Rector Rev. Constance Delzell, Deacon Sally Brown, Junior Warden Andy Seelaus, Treasurer Mark Miliotto, Acting Clerk Judith James, vestry members Michael Alleman, Michael Giddings, Vanessa Lyons, Joe Schwairy, and Sue Thibault. Parishioner Salying Wong was also present. The meeting was opened with the first part of the service of Evening Prayer.

Mother Connie explained the discernment process for ordination to the priesthood, which includes periods as an aspirant and then as a postulant. Salying Wong requested the vestry's approval to begin the process as an aspirant. Salying has a Master of Divinity degree from Iliff Theological Seminary. She is an active member of St. Andrew's Outreach Committee and has responsibility for the children's Sunday school. Vestry members asked Salying questions about her call, further education plans, and expectations regarding ministry. After Salying was excused from the meeting, vestry members signed the document endorsing her as an aspirant.

The minutes to the meeting of September 10, 2003, were corrected to remove a typographical error on the first page. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer Mark Miliotto reported that total proceeds from *I Do! I Do!* ticket sales were \$12,300, against expenses of \$8,000. The church raised \$1,427 from the tag sale and \$940 from the hymn singing. In September contributions for the Vogelzang challenge granted totaled only \$300. Mark stated that we are approximately \$3,000 short of the amount needed to erase the operating fund deficit. Additional expenses during the summer included compensation to Father Larry Bradford as supply priest and one-half of the consultant's fee for the vestry's leadership training. A discussion was held regarding how best to present to the parish the information regarding the recent fund raising successes and the remaining deficit, which is due to unforeseen expenses. An article in the Network will be used to explain the cash flow situation.

Andy Seelaus will talk to Sofia and prepare a list of cleaning and kitchen supplies that parishioners may be willing to donate "in kind." The possibility of selling King Soopers gift certificates to raise money will be considered for next year. The treasurer's report was approved.

A preliminary discussion of the budget for 2004 will take place at the next vestry meeting. Michael Alleman reported that the Stewardship Campaign letter would be sent in late October, with the request that pledges be returned by mid-November. The High Plains region of the Diocese of Colorado has given \$1,500 for the St. Elizabeth School project.

A discussion was held regarding how to better present the need for contributions to match the Vogelzang challenge grant of \$10,000. Mother Sally noted that some people had expressed an interest in being able to give anonymously. Joe Schwaairy offered to print envelopes to place in the pews. Vanessa Lyons will speak on Sunday morning about the grant. She noted that Mr. Vogelzang would like to see the new boiler installed in October. A discussion was held regarding the various boiler options. A motion was made by Joe Schwaairy, duly seconded, and adopted unanimously **that we purchase the boiler from Doc Ball.** A motion was made by Joe Schwaairy, duly seconded, and unanimously adopted **that the vestry authorize repair of the roof of the parish house at a cost of \$1,000.** It is anticipated that the total cost of the boiler and the roof repair will be approximately \$9,000. Under the terms of the Vogelzang grant, any funds in excess of what is needed for the boiler and roof repair will be used by St. Andrew's for outreach.

Mother Sally reminded the vestry that October 25th is Make a Difference Day. Parishioners are asked to commit three hours to assist an outreach agency with painting, small repairs, and other projects. Father Keisner of the church in Haiti stated that the projects for which Andrew's has previously contributed in-kind support are also in need of financial support. Mother Sally has been elected to the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Ethan Anthony's firm has sent a standard form contract for architectural services. His fee for the historical assessment is covered by the grant from the Colorado Historical Society in the amount of \$10,000. His fee to develop the master plan, including drawings and models, is \$35,000. There will be no additional charges for out-of-pocket expenses. Ethan plans to return to Denver on October 28 to meet with the small committee overseeing the master planning process and to discuss the space needs with various parishioners. A motion was made by Andy Seelaus, duly seconded and unanimously carried **that the vestry accept the contract presented by Ethan Anthony for services in the amount of \$35,000.**

Mother Connie has spoken to churches in the metro area about St. Elizabeth's school. An offer has been made for free medical care for the students. There is a possibility of using space at the Machebeuf school building. The goal is to employ a headmaster in January 2004 and, if space is available, the school could open in September 2004.

Mother Connie asked the vestry whether plans had been made "for how we as a vestry are going to nurture ourselves spiritually." Vanessa Lyon and Joe Schwaairy offered to bring a specific proposal to the next meeting. There will also be a discussion of a letter of agreement between Mother Connie and the vestry at the November meeting.

Father Larry Bradford will be presenting a course on relationships. Mother Connie called the vestry's attention to people in the parish who are seriously ill or have recently lost a

loved one. Vestry members were encouraged to attend the discussions of faith and sexuality with Intercession Church of Thornton on October 22 and 29.

The meeting was concluded and the remainder of Evening Prayer was said.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith M. James, Acting Clerk