

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DENVER, COLORADO HELD 12/01/2009

The meeting was called to order at the church at 6:35 pm. Present were Elizabeth Randall, Tim Croasdaile, Deb McVicker, Jim Anthony, Susan Backus, Lynn Hardcastle, David Dunn, Eric Frame, Beckett Stokes, Rich Rinehart, Judie James, and Richard DeTar.

The opening prayer by Elizabeth concerned Lectio Divina. We had our usual check-in activity.

6:55 – George Magnuson arrived.

Their minutes were accepted with corrections by Elizabeth. Beckett moved their acceptance, Eric seconded, and it was unanimous.

Junior Warden's report: The garbage disposal problem is minor. The sprinkler system was blown out by Sam Boyer. Rich Rinehart will examine the disposal. J. W. will anchor the dishwasher. Eric helped change bulbs. The icemaker of a refrigerator is not working. Is it hooked up? Is it turned on? The hot water heater has had a slow leak for a year and needs replacement. Nicholas Mitchell fixed the upstairs door closers. Volunteers will shovel snow on Saturday nights. St. Francis Center people will do it on weekdays.

Report by Rich Rinehart of the Ministry Collaboration Team: The team had a good meeting. What about the use of Parish facilities by groups outside the Parish? Tim Croasdaile: We have guidelines for weddings. What about a contract? Fee? A deposit? Does someone from the Parish need to be present? What about cleanup? What about keys and the security alarm? Must the group have some connection to the Parish? What if a Parish group finds an outside group has reserved? What about insurance? Who handles this? (All the above questions were quickly raised by various people.) The Episcopal Peace Fellowship meets here. Is there a food policy? Is there an alcohol policy? Tim Croasdaile notes that we have applicable insurance. Rich will call Duncan, the Verger. Elizabeth notes that most extra-Parish use will be of the undercroft. Eric: St. Barnabas has a lot of this sort of usage. Elizabeth: So do St. Luke's and St. Thomas's. George notes it is part of our larger purpose to serve the community. Elizabeth: Mission of hospitality statement is needed on the form. First Unitarian does a lot of this also.

Judie: 50 people have keys, the Vestry, servers, the Altar Guild. People have gotten used to no alarm. She requests input on this.

Rich: He'll bring something to the Vestry on this.

Elizabeth: Building use is part of the Rector's responsibility, but she doesn't want to handle all of it.

David: Can we share spaces with nearby churches?

Rector's report: The patronal feast was lovely but not well-attended. She'll be formally installed as the Rector February 2, 2010. The Bishop will preach and celebrate. We should lift up the ministry of all the baptized. Much tradition surrounds this. How is the Mutual Ministry Covenant? The first review of it will be around February 2nd of 2010. Can we approve it as it is now? There is discussion of this review. Are people doing their parts? This can't be terribly quantitative. Reviews are annual after the first one, which will cover through January of 2010. Maybe check in halfway between reviews. There is discussion of the review process and what to expect of the Rector and the Vestry. We need to know what expectations are.

David moves and it is seconded that we approve the Mutual Ministry Covenant as the basis for review. The motion is approved unanimously.

Elizabeth: What will the process of review be?

Tim: It is done by a small group, the Senior Warden, the head of the Ministry Collaboration Team, a member of each Vestry (meaning, I presume, the incoming and the outgoing), a total of 6 people (?) – There is a report to the new Vestry in February of 2010. Elizabeth will write a report for that group covering each of six points. The group meets without her and then with her.

Beckett moves the Senior Warden is to convene said group, Eric seconds, it is approved unanimously.

Report by George Magnuson (official title?): He loves his job and likes all of us. He notes there are more children here than there used to be. He notes that their adult friends in the congregation outside their own immediate families foster their presence here, as does Elizabeth. The catechumenate is a joy. They are our future leaders, they have lots of faith and talent.

Senior Warden's report: The nominating committee for the next Vestry is Deb, Susan, David, Tim Croasdaile, and Rich. We are getting more volunteers for the work of the church. Tim will convene the nominating committee soon.

Elizabeth: Consider newer people for the Vestry, members must be either Episcopalians or in the catechumenate. Four people are needed, one for only a year. Tim: We should have at least eight people nominated. Ask for a volunteer for the one-year term.

Tim: Regarding the issue of a community playground at St. Andrew's, a foundation would look favorably on a grant for us to have one on our grounds. Let's ask the landscape committee to investigate this with Vestry representation. There is not a playground around here. This foundation paid for the tables in our undercroft. It is the Henry Schweir Foundation. The fund projects regarded education and youth in Colorado. George Hoover is in contact with a new design discipline called "playscapes." This is described. Elizabeth: This is a form of outreach also. Tim: A process is needed for this with Parish input. The landscape committee with Vestry involvement is to explore the feasibility of this. Should there be a subcommittee of the landscape committee to bring in more points of view? Or should it be another committee with landscape people on it? A member of our Parish is on the foundation's board. A proposal for putting a group together will come from Rich, Tim, and Elizabeth.

Eric: (To be appended is) the outreach budget request and a list of it's grants. There is discussion of this. Some of these groups may come and talk to the Parish. The Parish has connections of one kind or another with many of the organizations. Susan moves to approve, Judie seconds, it is unanimously approved.

Jim: There is no October financial statement, there is a reconciliation problem. The proposed 2010 budget (may or may not be) appended. There is almost a \$40,000 difference in the projections, and little can be cut. Not funded before: evangelism and the catechumenate. The Junior Warden notes that mechanical/electronic objects have a way of breaking down without always warning us beforehand.

Tim: We won't act on this budget till January. Jim: We are \$15,000 into the discretionary funds. Tim: Not a lot is being spent on program, we have an income problem. Also, many people are giving who are new and who we do not know. Elizabeth: Over 200 were here 3 of the last 6 Sundays.

Tim: The newcomers' event was "incredible." People really like our sense of fellowship, there were 40 or 50 people there. Beckett: We're getting more children now also. There were 15 at Martinmas. The children are making a crèche this year.

Eric: The Parish potluck is noted, the choir also.

Elizabeth gave the closing prayer.

We adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard DeTar, Clerk of the Vestry