

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DENVER, COLORADO, HELD DECEMBER 7, 2010

Present: Vestry members Elizabeth Randall (Rector), Janice Burley, Richard DeTar (Clerk), Judie James (Junior Warden), Steve Grupe, Lynn Hardcastle, Peter Thulson, Shelley Brown, and Beckett Stokes – Non-members Tim Krueger and Sue Kilgore

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. Rich Rinehart and Eric Frame were not present, having notified the Vestry in advance they would not be.

George Magnuson arrived at 7:00.

Sue Kilgore reported on the Bylaws Revision Committee (which report see, 2 pp.) – Updated 2000 – In articles 5 and 8 titles we do not use were dispensed with. At 4.3, we raised the amount of money which could be approved on a single signature from \$1000 to \$3500. There was discussion of the Executive Committee, including its very existence. It is not to act in place of the Vestry. Note the size and terms of office of the Endowment Committee.

Brian Hyde arrived at 7:20.

It is hard to change the Articles of Incorporation. Members of the Vestry should send corrections of typographical errors to Sue K. As matters stand, paid staff members are not excluded from the Vestry. Should they be? Brian asked what triggers mediation under article 12.5. There was discussion of this, quite a bit of it, in fact. This is a “stop” before an issue goes to litigation. Elizabeth: Clarify “to the exclusion of the Vestry,” staff serving on Vestry.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously after it being so moved by Steve and seconded by Shelley, with one correction: Christ Church, where Beth Taylor will be ordained, is not in Cranbrook, MI, it is in Bloomfield Hills. Cranbrook, we learned, is not actually an incorporated place.

Nominating Committee to nominate new Vestry members, their report: 5 of the 6 have been so nominated, they are Cynthia Katsarelis, Steve Medema, Steve Rickard, Susan Trickett, and Sue Torfin. A sixth, not named at this time, will likely be named via e-mail. There was discussion of the requirements to be eligible to be a member of the Vestry. Lynn moved the five above-named persons be nominated, Janice seconded, it was unanimously approved.

Sacred Vision/Sacred Path committee report: They met. Elizabeth asked how we can close the gap of the ¼ million dollar shortfall. The committee's suggestions were to pursue an expansion of the loan program we already have through the Colorado Episcopal Foundation, a loan program involving loans from our parishioners to the Parish

2011 Stewardship Campaign: Nineteen people have so far pledged online and six via paper forms. Over \$72,000 has been pledged after one weekend. Blogging of blessings is increasing, 65 visited the site in one day. We should watch for people entering a monthly instead of an annual amount when they pledge online.

Elizabeth: Working with the Stewardship group has been a real joy. There is discussion of using EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) in pledging. A quarter of the people pledging are asking about this. The subject of donating investments has also come up.

Outreach Ministry, 25% funding from Endowment: Judie clarifies distribution from Endowment per the Articles of Incorporation (which see). There is discussion of this, the use of the 25%. This was followed by discussion of the homeless people who camp out on the church grounds. It is encouraged in the articles that the 25% go to major maintenance, capital improvements, and debt reduction. On August 10 at a meeting of the Vestry, Rich Rinehart moved the 25% be sent to Outreach. Elizabeth withdrew her second of that, removing the motion from consideration. Junior Warden: There are possibilities in her future projects. Shelley: Can we hold the 25% in the Endowment for the abovementioned three suggested purposes, to go to those purposes in the future? Steve seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Endowment Committee members are Bill Campbell (chair), Nancy Weaver, Betty Luce, Sonny Weigand, and Tommy Timm. There will also be one more person, identity as yet unknown. Beckett moved these people be named to the committee, Shelley seconded, it was approved unanimously.

Junior Warden's Report: Judie gave the results of her survey on prioritizing future projects of her office (which see). We should consider the 25% of the Endowment in this connection. Now is a great time to get rid of the huge faux Christmas tree. This may be deposited in the alley and probably will be.

Elizabeth: Members of the Vestry are referred to the four-part Treasurer's report. Our Treasurer is good with e-mail.

Shelley reported for the Ministry Collaboration Team. January 11 will be their next meeting. They are working on a Wiki and on a brochure.

Tim Krueger, Music Director: The last two Evensongs have been well-attended. The sherry for the receptions afterwards (How vedy British) is contributed by the Music Director himself.

Shelley reported for Eric Frame, Outreach Committee: See their grant recommendations. We don't have lots of money, so our contributions work through other organizations. The committee tries to choose organizations making real differences and involving members of our Parish. They also strive for a mix of

local and global causes. Lynn moved acceptance of the grant recommendations, Janice seconded, they were unanimously approved.

Lynn for the Art and Archives Committee had no report at this time.

Rector's Report (which see): An e-mail executive session is coming on two simple finance matters. Over the past three weeks, we have had a combined attendance of well over 200 each Sunday at our two services. The annual Parish meeting will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011.

Judie: There should be some sort of gift for Martha Bollenbacher's long service on the Endowment Committee.

There is discussion of our Vision Statement. Should we set up a Wiki page for a month?

After a prayer, we adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Richard DeTar, Clerk