

**TRINITY CHURCH LIME ROCK
MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING
APRIL 15, 2007**

The meeting was called to order, and Fr. Clements led the Vestry in Noonday Prayers. Present were Fr. Clements, Martha Baer, Martha Nesbitt, Alexis Dorf, Roy Bickley, Linda Lloyd, Geoff Brown, and Mary Anne Carley. Absent were Tom Schindler, Cheryl Duntz, and Jim Conzo.:

Linda moved that the minutes of the March meeting be approved as circulated and adjusted, and Mary Anne seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Martha Nesbitt circulated financial statements reflecting the state of the endowment as well as revenue and expense results.

Under fundraising, it was noted that the American Boychoir project requires Vestry approval of a financial outlay, and that Tom Schindler, who is heading this project is absent. It will be necessary for the Vestry to have a special meeting to address this once he returns.

With regard to the present copier, Martha Nesbitt noted that she is awaiting a call from Ikon, the vendor of the copier, and will press them for a recommendation of a more appropriate machine for a church our size.

With regard to the EFT proposal, Martha noted that the monthly charge for our credit card machine has risen to \$15/month. It was suggested that we investigate whether we can get additional services for the price. It was also noted that people already can arrange for automatic payments by their bank to Trinity if they wish at no cost to Trinity. The suggestion was offered that we should ask people via the next stewardship letter to set up their own arrangements of this type and see what happens before we invest in a service to do this for us.

The Treasurer noted that the New World Power stock that had previously been worthless is now worth \$350.

The Treasurer noted she had received an offer to renew the warranty on the stove in the Rectory. It was the sense of the Vestry that she should NOT renew the warranty.

Wardens' Report:

Linda Lloyd noted that she had received a solicitation from the local Chamber of Commerce asking Trinity to join as a not-for-profit member for a charge of \$50/year. **Geoff moved and Alexis seconded that we should join. The motion passed.** Fr Clements will draft the description of Trinity that will appear in their literature and on their website. It was noted that membership permits us to attend Chamber of Commerce activities.

Linda noted that she has received an offer from a parishioner to donate a stained glass window in memory of her late husband, and that she had also received a proposal from an artisan who makes stained glass windows for that window. In discussion, it became clear that the sense of the Vestry was that the window might be more appropriate in a setting like a new chapel in the space previously occupied by the organ pipes. Fr Clements and Linda will discuss the matter with the prospective donor.

Linda noted that Vestry members need to take specific responsibility for functions and for tasks we need done. She observed that every Vestryperson needs to at least serve as liaison to each one ministry of Trinity's. Linda and Alexis will address this for the next meeting.

Buildings and Grounds:

While there was no formal Buildings & Grounds report, it was noted that Judy Brown has met with Perotti Plumbing with regard to the furnace in the Rectory, and is attempting to arrange a meeting with Decker and Beebe.

Stewardship:

Martha Nesbitt provided the Vicar and the Wardens with a historical survey of pledging activity in the parish.

Outreach:

Geoff reported, in Cheryl's absence, that \$240 had been raised for Easter outreach, and that a thank-you note from Salisbury Family Services would be forthcoming.

Since the next outreach we would normally be considering does not come until back to school backpack season, interim opportunities, such as "Tool and Blanket Sunday" were discussed and will be referred to Cheryl.

Children's Programs:

It was noted that Sunday School at Trinity was reinstated today, but that Denise Lancto, who will be heading it, was ill today. **Alexis moved and Linda seconded a motion that John Lloyd be thanked for filling in for Denise today. The motion passed.**

Geoff noted that he would like to start soccer this summer at 10 AM in order to ensure the kids were all present by the time the worship takes place at 10:30, and so the kids have a better workout before going in for Holy Eucharist. He also noted that he plans to send a flier to local families with a demonstrated interest in soccer, as well as a press release to the Lakeville Journal. The sense of the Vestry was that he should proceed with all of these, and should consider a paid ad in the Lakeville Journal as well.

The Vicar noted that Geoff should get names of his soccer people to him so Safe Church screening can be run, and that screening would also be needed for Denise Lancto and Marian Browning with regard to the Sunday School.

American Boys Choir:

The forthcoming concert will be handled between Fr. Clements and Tom Schindler, with a special meeting of the Vestry to authorize any necessary expenditure.

Inventory:

Roy reported that it would cost between \$450 and \$500 to obtain the Bibles. He will investigate whether we can do part of this project for \$200.

Art Show:

Linda reported that the Art Show is currently on track.

Memorial Day Tag Sale:

Linda reported that the ECW will be meeting this week to plan the Tag Sale.

Recreation/sports ministry:

It was agreed to table the walking/jogging trail discussion due to the late hour. It will be considered at the next regular meeting.

Vicar's Report:

Fr. Clements noted that he will be absent from May 17 through May 24. Fr. Franck DeChambeau will substitute for him since he is no longer serving at Amenia Union.

Fr. Clements submitted the Parish Report for the Vestry's approval. A question was raised with regard to the number of baptisms in 2006. Geoff will check the website to see how many we

have evidence of and advise the Vicar. **Roy moved that we approve the report subject to verification of the number of baptisms, and Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

The next regular meeting of the Vestry will be May 20, with a special meeting preceding that in order to approve the American Boychoir expenditure.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geoffrey Brown
Clerk of the Vestry