

Vestry Minutes, June 2007

The meeting opened with the Diurnum, led by Fr. Clements. Present, in addition to Fr. Clements, were Alexis Dorf, Jim Conzo, Mary Anne Carley, Roy Bickley, Tom Schindler, Geoff Brown, Martha Baer, and Martha Nesbitt (who was delayed in arriving). Absent were Linda Lloyd and Cheryl Duntz

Jim moved that the minutes of the May meeting be approved as corrected. Martha Baer seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report:

Martha Nesbitt was delayed in arriving, but Alexis noted that the Vestry would need to formally resolve that \$5000 was to be withdrawn from the Harwood Fund portion of the endowment this year. **Martha Baer moved that \$5000 be withdrawn from the Harwood Trust, and Roy Bickley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Financial results of the American Boychoir/Chorus Angelicus concert were announced. The net proceeds were \$1530. While the American Boychoir will not be available to us again until 2009, the Chorus Angelicus is interested in future concerts in our house in a shorter timeframe.

When Martha arrived at the meeting, she distributed the financial statements constituting the Treasurer's Report. It was noted that the value of the Harwood Fund is now nearly back where it was before we depleted it to build the addition. Martha Baer moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, and Roy Bickley seconded. The report was accepted.

Martha Nesbitt also suggested that we hold a fundraiser to retire the debt on Trinity Field.

The Wardens' report was presented by Alexis:

- Tag sale results. The ECW Tag Sale netted approximately \$2000. Next year we can increase our proceeds by adding fresh fruit to the offerings, as this was requested by several of the cyclists who visit every year. The ECW will be holding an ongoing book sale for the next few months with the books that did not sell at the tag sale, with additional contributions of books welcome.
- Stained glass. The prospective stained glass window donor has been contacted. She is willing to have a circular stained glass window with rear illumination installed in the former organ alcove to make it more usable as a chapel. She is also open with regard to the artist who would execute the window.

- Sign. Additional information has been collected about the new parish sign. The State advised Alexis that we can have a sign measuring 4 x 5 feet, not including the mounting. She also ascertained that this is acceptable to the Town. An enclosed, illuminated sign would probably be too expensive; the sense of the Vestry was that a painted sign with the ability to temporarily affix announcements like “Summer Soccer at 10 AM” or “Trinity Wall Street Choir” or “Tag sale today” or “Welcome Lime Rock Park” or “Crescendo concert” would be appropriate.
- Stewardship chairperson. It is necessary that we appoint a Stewardship chair soon. Fr. Clements will make an announcement regarding this on Sunday.

The Buildings and Grounds report was likewise presented by Alexis:

- Kitchen use by outside groups. Alexis observed that we need to establish a practice at Trinity similar to that of other parishes that when our facility is used by outside groups a representative of Trinity needs to be present. Discussion regarding the possibility that this individual might be compensated, and that the individual might be offered the chance to cater the event was also discussed with no conclusion reached.
- Rectory Report. The report of the Rectory inspection conducted by Lynn Gaffney, AIA, a parishioner, which was circulated to the Vestry via e-mail earlier, was discussed briefly. Alexis will contact Buildings and Grounds chair Judy Brown to tell her to proceed with extermination and with some portion of the insulation of the Rectory.
- The Vicar noted that the former parish office has become the Finance office thanks to the efforts of the Wardens. He also noted his appreciation for the efforts of Jane Lipton, who has reorganized the Volunteers Room. It was noted that the contract for the copier continues until 2008 and the sense of the Vestry was that by the time the contract expires we should have a more accurate picture of our real copying needs.

Continuing Business:

- Art Show. In Linda’s absence, Alexis reported that the Art Show is coming along well.

New Business: The following items of new business were raised:

- Since Danielle Gaherty has indicated informally that she intends to transfer her membership from Trinity to another church to be identified, it appears that we will need to send our Alternate Delegate to Convention, Mary Anne Carley, duly elected at the last Annual Meeting of the Parish, in her stead. Fr. Clements will discuss the matter with Mary Anne.
- Several visitors during the ECW Tag Sale asked if we could be induced to serve breakfast on major race weekends. We believe that the people who asked came to us via Lime Rock Park. The possibility that doing this would compete with the

food service vendors at LRP was mentioned, and Geoff was asked to contact Lime Rock Park management to determine their feelings about our offering such a service. Roy Bickley noted that Mountainside Café sells box lunches and breakfasts for racers on those days and that we would be competing with them if we made such an offering.

- Geoff mentioned that two parents had asked him if nursery care was going to be offered during the summer months. The sense of the Vestry was that if people wanted it, we should provide it. The Vicar, Martha Baer, and Alexis all noted that they knew people who might be interested in performing this function.

Vicar's Report

- The Vicar noted that "Safe Church" has now become "Healthy Church" and that this transformation has brought many subjects beyond safety of children under this banner.

The next Vestry meeting will be July 15th. In future years we will attempt to combine the July and August meetings.

The Vicar led the Vestry in the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Brown
Clerk of the Vestry