

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting, October 21, 2007

Senior Warden Linda Lloyd called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Linda, were Alexis Dorf, Roy Bickley, Tom Schindler, Martha Nesbitt, Martha Baer, Cheryl Duntz, and Geoff Brown. Absent were Jim Conzo, Mary Anne Carley, and Vicar Rob Clements. Visiting the meeting was parishioner Bob Reid.

Approval of the minutes of the September meeting: Martha Baer moved that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Vestry be approved as circulated, and Roy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

--Treasurer: As part of the Treasurer's report, Linda Lloyd announced that parishioner Bob Reid had recently made two donations: the balance of the note outstanding on Trinity Field, and 10 of the new choir chairs. Linda called upon Bob to tell the Vestry about his thoughts on this occasion.

Bob noted that the CD previously securing the note was now being freed up. He noted that we at Trinity have an asset that no church in our area, regardless of denomination has, namely our field. He feels that it is appropriate that the field serve both the community and Trinity. He identified one major need in the Town of Salisbury, namely affordable housing, although he took pains to say that the parish certainly ought to look at all ways that the field could be used for the needs of both Trinity and the community. He suggested that rather than simply returning the CD to the endowment, the funds be segregated so that the earnings could be used to cover expenses such as legal fees or percents that would be necessary if the field or a portion thereof were to be used for affordable housing.

Martha Baer suggested that a committee be formulated to look at all aspects of this subject, and Linda and Alexis noted that Fr. Clements has been suggesting that the Finance Committee be reactivated. **Alexis moved, and Martha Baer seconded a motion that a Finance Committee be constituted, with their first assigned task being looking at options for the funds from the CD and the use or disposition of the field. The motion also specified that the initial members of the Finance Committee would be Martha Baer, Martha Nesbitt, Bob Reid, and Roy Bickley, and that Lynn Gaffney and Al Dorf would be invited to join the committee. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.**

Geoff then moved that Trinity Field be renamed Reid Field in honor of Bob's generosity. Martha Baer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with no abstentions.

A round of applause for Bob ensued.

- CD Disposition: In view of the decision of the Vestry regarding this gift, Martha Nesbitt will defer rolling over the CD.
- Processing of Vicar's Social Security: Martha Nesbitt announced that it has been discovered that Social Security has been withheld in error on the Vicar's pay. Since his official status with us is that of an independent contractor, the payments will be recouped, and that is already in progress.

--Wardens:

- Linda noted that the revised net from the Art Show had been \$5400, an increase of what had been reported earlier, and an increase over last year.
- Alexis reported that the DiMartinis are not going to be available to run the "Feed a Family of Four" campaign this year and solicited volunteers. Cheryl volunteered to run the project this year.
- Linda noted that she was approaching the management of the Wake Robin Inn, where she works, and Sue Kozlowski is approaching the management of the Interlaken Inn, where she works, to let them know of the availability of Walker Hall for parties and similar gatherings that are not economic for the inns to host on their own premises.

--Buildings & Grounds:

- Geoff reported that Judy had informed him that Jeff Silvernale, assisted by Gordon and Christine, would begin insulating the Rectory as soon as Jeff completed his current work assignment elsewhere. Alexis noted that he had been delayed a week due to truck problems.
- Geoff also reported that he has learned that the two athletic fields at Salisbury Central will need to be rebuilt in the next year or two as they are built on a former landfill that is causing problems. He has advised the Recreation Commission that Reid Field, formerly Trinity Field, would be available for their use during the year-long rebuilding.

Continuing Business:

- Nursery care: Since no new nursery care person has yet been hired, the Vestry was polled for suggestions. The Cuoco girls have been asked, but no answer has yet been forthcoming. Tom Schindler was asked to contact Housatonic Valley Regional High School to determine if any students might want to do this to earn extra money. He agreed to do so. The consensus of the Vestry was that the appropriate payment for this was \$25, and if no nursery children appeared the nursery keeper would be expected to assist with the Sunday School.
- New sign: Alexis noted that the new sign is due any day now. She will contact Jeff Silvernale about getting it erected when it arrives.
- Times of Christmas services: While actual service times are not yet fixed, the services for Christmas will be more or less as determined last meeting. Namely,

the Christmas Pageant will be at the 10:30 AM service on Sunday, on Christmas Eve, the big service with choir will be at 4 or 5 PM, and the late service will have organ music and perhaps a soloist. On Christmas Day a service will be held at 9 AM. Geoff is expected to stage the Christmas Pageant, working with Denise Lancto on behalf of the Sunday School. Fr. Clements is said to desire that the Pageant be revised to integrate it more tightly into the liturgy. Geoff will meet with him regarding this.

- Christmas Bazaar: The ECW will again host a Christmas Bazaar. The date will be Saturday, December 1. It will include a bake sale, lunch, John Lloyd's donuts, gift baskets, wreaths, and vendors. Assistance of the entire parish family is requested.
- Pew Bibles: Roy announced that he will be ordering 50 pew Bibles this week. It was suggested that this represents a fund-raising opportunity as parishioners might want to donate \$50/Bible as memorial gifts, with bookplates affixed accordingly.

New Business:

- Crescendo post-concert party: Crescendo has approached the Vestry for permission to hold a cast party in Walker Hall following the final performance of Totentanz. They have agreed to underwrite the expense of cleanup from the party. **Alexis moved that they be granted permission and Roy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**
- Convention report: Linda reported that no word of urgent matters arising out of Convention had been received from the Vicar.
- Altar Guild coverage: Roy advised the Vestry that it had been impossible to hold Holy Eucharist at the 8 AM service with the supply priest because the utensils were not set out, and no one from the Altar Guild was available to get them out.

Vicar's Report: The Vicar's report circulated earlier on the trinity-vestry e-mail list.

Next meeting of the Vestry: The next meeting of the Vestry will be November 18. Keith Nolan's book group, scheduled for the same time slot, will be postponed until the following week.

Closing prayer: There being no further business, Linda Lloyd led the Vestry in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Brown
Clerk of the Vestry