

Minutes of the March 16, 2008 Vestry Meeting

Present at the meeting were: Fr. Clements, Bob Reid, Roy Bickley, Linda Lloyd, Martha Nesbitt, Al Dorf, Tom Schindler, Mary Anne Carley, Jane Canfield, and Geoff Brown. Absent was Martha Baer.

Al Dorf moved that the minutes of the February meeting be approved as circulated. Jane Canfield seconded the motion which passed by voice vote.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Martha Nesbitt presented the Treasurer's Report, which, since we are only two months into the new year, showed no important trends as of yet. She noted that the restoration of the funds to the restricted portion of the endowment has now been accomplished. For a variety of reasons, the Parochial Report is not year ready for approval. A special meeting of the Vestry will be convened to approve it when it is complete.

Wardens Report: This report centered on building usage by outside parties.

--It now appears that the Taconic Arts Center will be holding water color classes at Trinity this year, and that they will reimburse us \$200.

--Subject to approval of the contract by all parties and receipt of a \$1000 deposit, the movie project that was referred to us by Martha Miller that will use Walker Hall, the kitchen, the library and the bathrooms, will begin shortly. The rental for the 28 day period has been agreed as \$4000. (Note: the production company is "Dark Sky Films".) Vestry members were asked to try to schedule time to visit the project during the late night hours during which they will be using our facility to ensure that all is progressing satisfactorily.

--Linda reported that Lime Rock Park will be closed between the Memorial Day weekend and the Fourth of July weekend for re-surfacing. (Note: Subsequent to the meeting she learned that this will disrupt our arranged rental of the field and Walker Hall to the Jaguar Club, although they have indicated in interest in renting from us next summer and have promised to tell other auto clubs of our availability.) Geoff noted that if Lime Rock Park does not mow the field during June, the period of fastest grass growth, it may be necessary to have Jeff Silvernale mow it for Soccer at that time.

Buildings & Grounds: There was no Buildings and Grounds report, but Martha Nesbitt noted that snow plowing had been expensive this past winter. Fr. Clements will ask Jeff Silvernale, when he has his backhoe over at the Cemetery, to dig a small ditch from the field through the berm separating it from the road just the other side of the picnic table and large tree to facilitate drainage next winter.

Continuing Business:

--Covenant relationships (i.e. ad hoc committees) and committee assignments: Due to the pressure of time, this topic was tabled until the next meeting.

--Vestry retreat: The Vicar noted that the facility that we had hoped to engage for a Vestry retreat is booked for all the dates that would work for us. He recommended that we utilize the Library at St. Michael's in Litchfield, and offer that parish the use of our Walker Hall to compensate them. The Vestry was supportive of this idea. A leader for the retreat still must be obtained before a date can be settled upon.

--Stewardship: The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

--"Episcopal Church welcomes you" signage: The Vicar requested that any Vestry member who wants to take on this project speak with him privately. Al Dorf noted that Alexis Dorf had placed a folder in the parish office containing all of the local regulations pertaining to signage.

--Status of Long Range Planning Committee: The committee members present noted that they are not yet in a position to report on their progress.

New Business: Two items were briefly discussed under this heading.

--Jane Canfield asked if we would be repeating last year's successful Emergency Services Sunday. The response of all present was enthusiastically in favor of doing so. Jane suggested Sunday, September 14 as the best date as it does not conflict with the convention which most of the fire companies normally attend. It was resolved that we will hold our second annual Emergency Services Sunday on September 14.

--The Rev. Cyril Wismar, who was our most recent Interim Priest at Trinity, will celebrate his 65th anniversary as a Priest during June at Trinity. The choir may be asked to participate.

--Geoff will hold the first Summer Soccer session on Sunday, June 8.

Vicar's Report: There was no report by the Vicar since all topics had already been discussed.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be a special meeting to approve the Parochial Report, and most likely will be held on Sunday, March 30. The next regular meeting of the Vestry will be Sunday, April 20.

There being no further business to come before the Vestry, Roy Bickley moved that the meeting be adjourned. Fr. Clements closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Brown
Clerk