

Minutes of the Meeting of the Vestry
Of Trinity Church, February 15, 2009

Senior Warden Linda Lloyd, officiating, opened the meeting by welcoming the new Vestry members.

Present were: Linda Lloyd, Martha Baer, Patricia Barton, Bob Reid, John Lloyd, Al Dorf, Janet Walker, Roy Bickley, and Geoff Brown. Absent were Jane Canfield and the Vicar.

Martha moved, and Al seconded a motion that the minutes of the January Vestry meeting be approved as circulated. The motion passed.

John Lloyd presented the Treasurer's report, showing a positive position for the year to date. Bob Reid asked whether we had sent any funds to the Diocese yet, and was advised that we had done so. It was his recommendation that we defer additional payments to the Diocese until year-end, with consideration being given to whether the Diocese adds a third Bishop or exercises fiscal prudence and does not. Bob moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report, and Martha seconded the motion. The report was accepted.

Wardens' report: Linda noted that Shrove Tuesday is next Tuesday, and that Christine had seven additional choristers coming to join our choir for the Evensong from outside our church. She noted that Lynn and Bill have volunteered to prepare the pancakes, and that Alexis has volunteered to go to Costco to procure the ingredients. John volunteered to help Lynn and Bill get the kitchen processes underway. Geoff noted that we have six attendees who have RSVP'ed that they will attend via Facebook, the largest number of responses we have received on Facebook to date.

Old business:

--Stewardship – status of outstanding pledges: John noted that some additional pledges have been received since the preparation of the Treasurer's Report. Linda noted that our pledges are running ahead of last year, something to be proud of in difficult economic times. In response to a question, John reported that most 2008 pledges have been paid, and quite a few overpaid.

--Fundraiser for 2009: The Vestry concluded that at least one fundraiser will be necessary in 2009. If the fundraiser is determined to be a "Bountiful Bash" it was generally concluded that we would need to hold it in the autumn, but it was also pointed out that the success of such auctions was not assured, since the revenues are dependent on the nature of the items contributed, the competition, and the economy. A dinner dance, a dog show, and a horse show were suggested as fundraiser possibilities, but in each case reasons why they would not be practical were likewise identified. Al suggested that we consider some low-key fundraisers that did not require the expenditure of labor and funds that a major event would cost. He mentioned that the parish had been able to raise \$58,000 for a new organ in approximately two weeks, and observed that we seem to be a parish that is willing to step up generously to fill specific needs. Along those lines, he suggested asking parishioners to "buy five gallons of fuel oil" as a starting point. Janet noted parenthetically that it might be possible to save fuel by holding Sunday services in Walker Hall in the coldest months. Al also suggested that if we had a donation basket out at coffee hour we might be able to defray some of the expenses associated with it. The conclusion of the Vestry was that Vestry members are to use their imaginations to come up with specific expenses that parishioners

could be asked to donate to cover. All Vestry members may use the Vestry e-mail list to make their suggestions; the clerk will collect the suggestions and bring them to next month's meeting.

--Tree removal: Removal of the remains of the tree that fell near the chancel needs to be done. The Buildings and Grounds Chair will be asked to contact Mike Root of Root Tree Service, who is said to have quoted a price of \$600 to cut down the trunk and carry it away, and if the price is correct to engage him to undertake the project. In other Buildings and Grounds matters, the repair to the well housing will need to wait until spring due to the snow on the ground and the frozen ground.

--Sunday School: Linda reported that our Sunday School is again functioning, with Cheryl Duntz and Gretchen Hachmeister sharing the responsibility with Alexis Dorf and other parents and volunteers from the congregation. Geoff will be sending an e-mail to the "Trinity-Parents" e-mail list shortly asking for suggestions for this coming summer, and will remind the parents that the Sunday School is back in business.

--Animal memorial garden: Martha reported that Lynn has completed the architectural drawings, and that the project is now waiting on Jane Cooke to specify the plant layout. It was noted that there will be benches in the garden, and that each of these represents an opportunity for donations.

--Diocesan Bishop on-line survey: Geoff reported that the closest informational meetings regarding the new Diocesan Bishop are in Collinsville, and, once it was explained just where Collinsville is, most agreed that the meetings had not been set up with Northwest Corner residents in mind. Geoff was asked to circulate in the Trinity Update the URL of the on-line survey the Diocese is circulating so that parishioners can offer their opinions via that method.

--Discernment committee: Linda reported that little success has been made with regard to the discernment committee.

New business: There was no new business to come before the Vestry

There being no further business, Al moved that meeting be adjourned, and John seconded it. The meeting was adjourned, with the next meeting set for Sunday, March 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Brown, Clerk