

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Vestry  
Of Trinity Church, December 12, 2010**

Pastor Heidi led the Vestry in an opening prayer. Present were Lynn Gaffney, Janet Walker, Bob Reid, Pat Barton, Alexis Dorf, Linda Lloyd, Jane Ellen Canfield, the Rev. Heidi Truax, John Lloyd, Geoff Brown, and, joining the meeting later, Alan Swide.

Linda moved that the minutes of the November meeting be approved as circulated, and Jane seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

John Lloyd presented the Treasurer's Report. The status of the Stewardship campaign is that pledges in excess of \$124,000 have been received, made up of 44 pledges, 8 of which are new pledgers this year. Following discussion, it was concluded that follow-up of those who have not pledged and generation of thank-you notes should be deferred until after the New Year.

John circulated the current reports, which also reflected the various sub-accounts created with consolidation of the formerly separate accounts. An agenda item for further 2011 budget discussion was unneeded as there were no items to discuss.

With regard to online donations, Pat moved and John seconded the motion that Geoff set up donations via PayPal on the Trinity website, and that the "donate" button be initially located in the page footers. The motion passed. Pat suggested that a "Help Trinity" web page be created with links from the main menu identifying ways that people can help Trinity, both financially and in other ways.

Alexis moved, and Lynn seconded the motion, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion passed by voice vote.

For the Wardens' Report, Linda noted that additional people to serve as counters are needed due to the small current counter roster and the need for dual control when currency is being counted. It was suggested that Vestry serve in this capacity, and that those who wish to do so should e-mail Linda so they can be added to the rota.

Pastor Heidi reported on the candidates for 2011. Bill Kellett remains the only new Vestry member to added, although Randy Orzano has not yet replied to his invitation. A new Junior Warden is also

needed. Alexis further reported on the successful Quiet Day at Trinity. Eight people attended, including one from Trinity Glen.

Pastor Heidi presented the Vicar's Report. She noted Bishop Curry's upcoming visit on January 9, and noted that his activities that day will include blessing the new carillon, participating in an expanded coffee hour, during which the Central Asia Institute fundraising results will be announced, and meeting with the Vestry and other parish leaders.

Canon Erik Larsen will visit us on February 13 to conduct a Mutual Ministry Review. He will also Celebrate and Preach.

Pastor Heidi noted that the copier has become increasing unreliable and reported that she had met with the IKON (vendor) representative and obtained an offer for a one-for-one exchange of the ten year old Canon copier for a new Ricoh copier with a color function that can be password controlled for the same money. She noted that she had also solicited a bid from Xerox, but they were not in a position to excuse us from our present lease with IKON and thus their bid was not competitive. Geoff moved that Pastor Heidi be authorized to proceed with the copier swap and Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Pastor Heidi introduced the possibility of a Vestry retreat in the spring, possibly with other parishes at Camp Washington, or possibly with just Trinity's vestry either at Trinity or another location. After brief discussion, the conclusion was to table the proposal until the next meeting.

The only item on the Buildings and Grounds report was that the carillon is here and is to be installed on December 18 following the Pageant rehearsal.

Under the topic of youth and the Sunday School, Pastor Heidi noted that we do not have a nursery person yet, but that Jennifer Norberg had expressed a willingness to post our flier at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Geoff reported on the ongoing discussions with Northwest United Soccer Club. Their president has visited Trinity and walked the field and met Pastor Heidi. Their board had pre-approved their going forwards with the project. What would occur if NUSC elects to proceed is that they would, at their own expense, level the playing surface and bring in topsoil to create better grass.

Alexis updated the Vestry on the Pennies for Peace campaign. She noted that sales at the Christmas Bazaar were not as good as anticipated, possibly due to the Guild Room location. She noted that there will have been several hundred dollars raised when the campaign is completed.

Lynn presented the Outreach report. She noted that Katrina Piezzo will be managing the Quiz night scheduled for this winter, and would have more to report later.

After discussion, it was agreed that Trinity would provide sponsorship of the Bishop's 5-K this year at the \$50 or \$75 level from their budget line, and that Trinity would again participate on May 14.

The report of the Long Range Planning committee was then discussed. The discussion was extended and far-ranging. The Vestry agreed on the following five points;

1. The Vestry accepts the reasoning of the Long Range Planning committee with regard to housing in the field and regrets that it does not seem to be currently within the reach of Trinity to undertake a project of this kind.
2. The Vestry finds the idea of a faith-based school at Trinity to be an interesting one, but has concerns about both the financial viability and the operational feasibility of such a venture.
3. The Vestry recognizes the critical importance of committed long-term leadership for any major project we undertake and views the presence of such committed long-term project leadership as essential to proceeding.
4. The Vestry accordingly believes at that this point in time we are not ready to undertake any major initiatives.
5. The Vestry appreciates the hard work performed by the Long Range Planning committee and sincerely thanks them for their efforts.

The report will be included in the Annual Meeting package for discussion as appropriate.

There was neither old nor new business to discuss, and no concerns were raised. The next meeting of the Vestry will be on January 9 with the Bishop.

Pastor Heidi led the Vestry in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Brown, Clerk

ADDENDUM:

**SUBJECTS CURRENTLY IN A "TABLED" STATUS:**

- Labyrinth
- Emergency Services Sunday
- Sound system
- Emergency plan (address in 1Q2011)
- Vestry retreat