

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Vestry
Of Trinity Church, February 6, 2011**

Due to Pastor Heidi's temporary absence, Alexis Dorf offered an opening prayer and began the Bible Study, which was based on Matthew 20: 1-6. Pastor Heidi returned during the Bible Study. Present, in addition to Pastor Heidi and Alexis, were Bill Kellett, Martha Baer, Janet Walker, Alan Swide, John Lloyd, Lynn Gaffney, and Geoff Brown. Absent was Pat Barton.

Alan moved that the minutes of the past meeting be approved as circulated, and Lynn seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

John provided the Treasurer's Report. He distributed the financial package. Bill asked if in the future the financials could be e-mailed prior to the meeting, and John indicated that this was possible. John reported that the QuickBooks conversion continues in progress. With regard to Online giving, once Martha Nesbitt and John have the account set up with PayPal, Geoff will implement it on the website. With regard to Stewardship, Bill noted that he plans to shortly send a note of thanks to regular donors who do not pledge.

A discussion ensued with regard to donating to the special funds – the Rector's Discretionary Fund, the Music Fund, the Flower Fund, various Outreach ventures, etc. Pastor Heidi offered to write a piece for the Trinity Times about the various funds and how to contribute to them. It was suggested that these options ought to be available for online giving. After consideration of offering a menu of donation opportunities in the TT, Bill suggested that we might avoid confusion if we featured one at a time. Bill moved that the Treasurer's report be approved, and Martha Baer seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Alexis provided the Warden's Report. She began by welcoming Bill and Martha to the Vestry, noting that Martha has served on the Vestry numerous times in the past two decades. She congratulated Pastor Heidi on the successes of her first year with us. She also noted the challenges with which she perceives we are faced. The first she noted was our evident difficulty to get much going in terms of adult education – the "thinking behind the doing" as she termed it. The second challenge is finding more people in the parish to do the work instead of the same small group doing everything. The possibility of holding some sort of Parish fair to offer opportunities was suggested, and the consensus was that this might be done on Trinity Sunday as part of the festivities.

Pastor Heidi then provided the Vicar's Report. Noting that we have had the Vestry Retreat tabled for some time, she suggested that we hold a retreat with St. John's Church and the Cornwall Congregation at the Salisbury School on March 26 from 9 AM to 1 PM. She reported that the Rev. Mary Gates, who is priest in charge of Cornwall and a retired priest from the area are interested in beta testing a program for Vestry retreats with us. Lynn asked whether the Episcopal Church in Kent might also be included; Pastor Heidi indicated that they would be invited. Alexis moved that the Vicar's report be accepted, Martha seconded the motion, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Geoff then reviewed the proposed agreement between Trinity and the Northwest United Soccer Club for their improvement of the field and for its subsequent use for ten years. The draft agreement had previously been circulated to the Vestry for review. Following brief discussion, John moved that the agreement be approved and Lynn seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Pastor Heidi noted that today was the first appearance in the nursery of Sue Lambert, who will be supervising the nursery going forward. Lynn reported that the nursery seemed to be in good hands.

Pastor Heidi also noted that Gretchen Hachmeister has indicated her intention to step down as head of the Sunday School once the school year is over.

She also proposed a large ad in the Lakeville Journal describing our programs for young people as well as our activities for Holy Week and Easter. The consensus was that this was a good idea.

Lynn then presented the Outreach report. First, Pastor Heidi reported that regarding the Honduras mission trip, she and Marian and Slava Browning have now visited Trinity Southport, which whom the trip is being undertaken. She noted that at that parish, the parish helps raise funds to partially defray expense of participants.

With regard to Quiz Night, Lynn reported that Katrina Piezzo will be running it, and that it will be held in the spring rather than this winter. Refreshments will be dessert and coffee.

With regard to the Memorial Day weekend tag sale, she noted that we will be selling coffee of the variety Bishop Curry told us about during his visit to us.

She also noted that she has sent in Trinity's contribution to the Bishop's 5-K for Kids.

Finally she described the soap box derby sponsored by the Sharon Fire Department in the summer, and recommended Trinity participation. The Men's Group will be asked to take the lead on this project.

There was no Buildings and Grounds report except to note that the dishwasher is broken again. Pastor Heidi reported that the roof over her office and the kitchen has been shoveled, and noted that the roof material in this section is rubber.

Old Business:

--The Emergency plan (previously tabled and designated to be addressed in 1Q2011) was discussed at this point, with Geoff, who had served on the Diocesan Committee that drafted the requirements, responding to a few questions. So that responsibilities can be allocated, he will e-mail a link to the plan to the Vestry. Each member should review the plan with an eye to identifying a portion for which they can assume responsibility.

New Business:

--With Shrove Tuesday approaching, Pastor Heidi announced that the current plan is not to have Evensong, to have the traditional pancake supper, and to have some form of "fun music" for that evening. She asked the Vestry for suggestions on when to have Ash Wednesday services, and the conclusion was that they would be held at noon and at 6 PM.

--In order to begin the process of allocating Vestry subject matter assignments, Geoff is to e-mail the list of assignments and current incumbents to the Vestry.

--With regard to a price list for various services and rentals, Pastor Heidi will review the draft list prepared a few years ago with an eye to making it more current. She noted that she is delighted to perform marriages at Trinity, and Geoff will modify the website to make it clear that we welcome couples wishing to marry.

--Reviewing the tabled subjects, the following were determined:

--The Labyrinth is to be restored to Old Business for the next meeting. Martha and Lynn will work on this project.

--Emergency Services Sunday will be discontinued. While it does honor our first responders, it is an unnecessary burden to them since they must bring their apparatus and then subsequently prepare it for duty. In its place on the tabled list will be Emergency Services Support, with such possibilities as providing feeding of emergency services people when they are on duty for extended periods of time.

--The Sound System will be dropped as a tabled item.

--The Vestry Retreat is addressed above.

Under Concerns, Lynn inquired about the failure of a state agency to list Crescendo as a qualified organization. Several measures to help publicize and promote Crescendo were discussed, but Bill was of the opinion that personal diplomacy might be the most effective way to accomplish this objective within the state government. Bill and Janet agreed to look further into the matter and see what more could be done to help Crescendo.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held next Sunday in conjunction with the Mutual Ministry Review. Pastor Heidi will circulate dates for the remaining Vestry meetings of the year.

Pastor Heidi offered a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Brown, Clerk

ADDENDUM:

THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT IS CURRENTLY IN A "TABLED" STATUS:

- Emergency Services Support