TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Sacramento Vestry Minutes March 15, 2016



Members Present:

Linda Aston, Brian Baker, Nathan Daily, Eileen Harvey-Qualset, David Lindgren, Jason Lyons, Bill Mason, Peter Perera, Pat Ronne, Bill Shane, Bud Swank.

Members Absent: Laura Jestes (Clerk), Rod Thomas, Doss Miller

Guest:

Jerry Paré

Training

Pat Ronne led a training session to orient new members to the church's finances.

Opening Prayer

Peter Perera led us in prayer.

Welcome

New members were welcomed and invited to introduce themselves.

Resignation

Mike Pinkerton has found it necessary to resign.

Ordination Process

Brian Baker provided us with a review of the lengthy process involved for those who wish to be ordained. He emphasized that our most serious concerns should be directed to the early stages of the process. The intention is to make sure that only likely candidates are incurring the heavy costs of seminary.

Concern was expressed that we are asked to endorse candidates whom we have never met. It was agreed that we will see their files in advance, and that we will have periodic opportunities to meet the candidates.

Housekeeping Items

- 1. Approval of annual meeting minutes. Moved, Seconded, Approved as distributed.
- 2. Vestry retreat meeting minutes. Add Brian Baker as present. Add Mike Pinkerton as absent. Moved, Seconded, Approved as corrected.

Committee Reports

Stewardship Committee: No report.

<u>Facilities Committee:</u> Investigation is being done of the possibility of leasing our garden land to the B Street Theatre.

<u>Dean's Support Committee:</u> No report. The committee needs to be repopulated.

Finance Committee: Will be meeting Tuesday April 12th.

Governance and Administration Committee: David Lingren reported that committee will be meeting soon, and expects to produce a strategic plan shortly thereafter. Exploration is being m a d e of a strategic planning process, including possible use of a planning consultant.

College for Congregational Development

Brian reported that Andrea is working with the Diocese of Seattle to develop a congregational development program. He is hoping to send four persons (two clergy, two lay people) for a weekend of training in church growth and related issues. Cost will be \$750 per person.

Dean's Report

The final copy for the newspaper insert was circulated. Agreed: "Well done."

Vestry members are asked to approach someone we don't know each Sunday to introduce ourselves. If we can each do this, it will help break down barriers as we get acquainted with more people.

Bill Mason was acknowledged for bringing a friend to the Men's meeting.

Eileen Harvey-Qualset sat at the back of the church Sunday, having invited the ushers to seat a newcomer next to her.

Prayer Cards

Jerry Paré collected information for use on the cards that we will receive to send out to those for whom we will be praying.

Dismissal

Meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m.

George Swank Acting Secretary